

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY 6, 2022**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on July 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present: James Endres Jr., Thomas Eder, Thomas Lauer, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat.

Board member absent: None

MINUTES:

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 6/6/2022 regular and 6/28/22 special meetings, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

GUEST SPEAKER:

Cindy Babiscz, St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Department member provided the Board with information on the upcoming millage renewal. The millage was first approved in 2016 and has returned over \$4M to local communities in the county. Cindy provided an overview of various County Parks including the new Downriver Area Park to be established in Clay Township.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- EGLE Permit and Public Notice RE MDOT Easement East of Church Road
- EGLE Permit RE 7785 Rose Cut
- Flood Ways - June 2022

Acknowledged and filed

OLD BUSINESS:

Request to Terminate Water and Sewer Service (8180 Long Island Court)

S. Ruhlman moved to table this matter until verification that the sewer line has been properly capped, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

MTA Annual Dues

T. Lauer moved to approve 2022-23 MTA Dues in the amount of \$5,360.41, supported by S Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Clay Police - Monthly Additional Charges

T. Eder moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$1,254.00 from the Clay Township Police Department, for additional services rendered during the month of June 2022, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Appointments to Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission

J. Endres Jr., supported by T. Eder, moved to reappoint James Inman and Charles Freese and appoint Michael Sommers to the Planning Commission with a term ending June 30, 2025, and to reappoint Mary Beth Meinke to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term ending June 30, 2024.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

2022 Local Millage Distribution Request

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the Local Millage request to the St. Clair County Parks & Recreation Commission and authorize the Supervisor to sign the application on behalf of the Township, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Employment Agreement Code Enforcement Officer

T. Lauer moved to approve the Employment Agreement for Code Enforcement Officer with Kurt Sengstock, as presented, and authorize the Supervisor to sign on behalf of the Township, supported by J. Corbat.

All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Compensation

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the following pay increases, effective July 1, 2022, for the fire department personnel as follows: part-time employees to \$16.00 per hours; duty shifts to \$14.00 per hours; point money to \$25.00; and to increase the savings plan contribution for the Board of Trustees to 15%, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

I-Pad Purchases

T. Lauer moved to approve the purchase of five (5) I-Pads with cases for the Township Board, for a sum not to exceed \$4,000.00, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Request for Sewer Relief RE: 8191 Waterworks Drive

S. Ruhlman moved to approve waiver of sewer charges in the amount of \$85.86, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Standard Mileage Rate

S. Ruhlman moved to adopt the revised IRS 2022 Standard Mileage Rate of 62.5 cents per mile, effective July 7, 2022, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Reschedule September Meeting Date

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Clerk and reschedule the Board of Trustees meeting date from September 5, 2022 to September 7, 2022, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Budget Revision 22/23 #1

	Budget Revision 22/23 #1	7/6 Meeting
	Fire Fund	
Expenditures		
206-000-970	Capital Outlay - Control	49,000
	Net effect on budget will be a \$ 49,000.00 increase to the Expenditures	
	SCBA's approved 4/4/22 \$14,000	
	10 sets of Gear approved 3/7/22 \$35,000	

T. Lauer moved to approve Budget Revision 22/23 #1, as presented, for the Fire Fund, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal Proposal

T. Lauer moved to renew the Property and Casualty Insurance Proposal including Terrorism coverage and MCCA charges, in the amount of \$105,821.00 provided by Nickel & Saph, Inc., and for Trustees to perform a cost comparison with other carriers prior to a future renewal, supported by S. Ruhlman. All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance #129 - Amendment of Water and Sewer Ordinance No. 57

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Supervisor and adopt Ordinance #129 Amendment of the Water and Sewer Ordinance No. 57 to provide updated terminology and definitions, including Debt Reduction Fees and Ready to Service Fees, delete various definitions, set forth methodology to establish rates and charges for the operation and maintenance of the Township's water distribution and sanitary sewer systems and repeal any and all ordinance and/or resolutions in conflict therewith, supported by T. Eder.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: James Endres Jr., Thomas Eder, Thomas Lauer, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat

Nays: None

RES 22-07-01 Adopting a Revised Water & Sewer Department Fee Schedule

T. Eder moved to adopt Resolution 22-07-01 Adopting a Revised Water & Sewer Department Fee Schedule, supported by J. Corbat.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: James Endres Jr., Thomas Eder, Thomas Lauer, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

REPORTS:

Police Run Report- June 2022

Building Department Permits - June 2022

Code Enforcement - June 2022

DPS Superintendent - June 2022:

- MDOT Project replacing cross-cut drain on M-29;
- Update on M-29 future improvements;
- No contact yet from Wade Trim RE: Survey
- Update RE: two houses being demolished on M-29 and Silver Point Drive;
- Security cameras installed at the Municipal Park;
- Met with Watson Brothers at Water Plant;

Parks & Rec Director's Reports - June 2022

- Security cameras at Municipal Park working great; some questionable activity;
- Additional signs to be installed marking walking trail and cameras in use;
- Contacting Parraghi Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc., to schedule pavilion roof replacement;
- Update on Master Plan;
- Update on County Crew;
- Disc Golf installation update;
- Music in the Park this Friday, July 8th;
- July 24th Movie in the Park with Lions Club;

Fire Chief's Fire Run Recap - June 2022

- 65 runs in June and up 40 runs from last year;
- Purchased drone for fire rescue and other use;

Supervisor:

- Building demolition of the former Rene's Bar is complete; working on block wall at 7750 Dixie next;
- Viasat Lease update;
- Road Commission performing speed study on Short Cut Road;
- Interest in industrial park;
- Update on landscape plans for Township Hall;

