

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AUGUST 1, 2022**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met at the Ira Township Fire Hall on August 1, 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:**

T. Eder moved to approve the minutes of the 7/6/2022 regular meeting, as amended, and 7/25/22 special meeting, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- EGLE Application and Permit RE 7945 Wagner Lane
- Consumers Energy RE Site Maintenance
- St. Clair County Council on Aging
- SEMCO Energy Public Hearing
- Sprint-T-Mobile Notice of Termination

Acknowledged and filed

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Fire and Water Department Paving Contractor's Application for Payment-Final

T. Lauer moved to table this matter on the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve property owner's request to relinquish the water and sewer taps for 8180 Long Island Court, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

ViaSat Ground Lease

T. Lauer moved to approve and authorize the Supervisor to execute the Gateway Lease and supporting documents with ViaSat, Inc., supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Server Hard Drive

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the quote from Hi-Tech, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00, to purchase two (2) HPE 900 GB Hard Drives, supported by J. Endres Jr.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Clay Police - Monthly Additional Charges

T. Lauer moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$1,596.00 from the Clay Township Police Department, for additional services rendered during the month of July 2022, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

2022 Holiday Hours

S. Ruhlman moved to set holiday hours as presented as follows: office closed December 20, 2022 thru December 22, 2022, December 26, 2022, December 28, 2022 thru December 29, 2022, and January 2, 2023. Office open December 27, 2022. Employee may use vacation or sick time, if available, for any unpaid holidays, supported by T. Eder.

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

Jaws Equipment Purchase

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the quote from Apollo Fire Equipment Company, in the amount of \$24,500.00 plus shipping, to purchase a Hurst Edraulic Ram package with batteries and Hurst Edraulic Combi Tool package with batteries, supported by J. Corbat.

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

EMT Class

T. Eder moved to approve the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve EMT training, through Tri-Hospital EMS, for Meghan Vanderhoff, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00 and verification of signed Training Contract, supported by T. Lauer.

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

Equipment Replacement

T. Lauer moved to approve the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the quote from Dinges Fire Company in the amount of \$10,800.00, to purchase two (2) DeWalt Battery Operated Ventilation Fans with Shore Power, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

RES 22-08-01 Adopting Revised Effective Date for Water & Sewer Department Fee Schedule

T. Lauer moved to adopt Resolution 22-08-01 Adopting a Revised Effective Date for the Water & Sewer Department Fee Schedule, supported by T. Eder.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:            None                      **MOTION CARRIED**                      **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

County Line Properties Site Plan (PC #22-435)

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Site Plan for Buildings D and E for County Line Properties, LLC, dated July 1, 2022, revised on July 12, 2022 and verified by the Township Planner, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Water Plant Heaters

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve the quote from Watson Brothers, in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00 to purchase ten (10) heaters for the Water Plant that are part of the heating and cooling replacement project, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

**REPORTS:**

Police Run Report- July 2022

Building Department Permits - July 2022

Code Enforcement - July 2022

DPS Superintendent - July 2022:

- Since time needed for grass cutting is reduced, staff is working on other projects;

- Update on Waste Water Treatment plant usage by member municipalities;
  - Update on Waste Water Treatment Authority;
- Parks & Rec Director's Reports - July 2022
- Music in the Park this weekend;
  - County Crew update;
  - Rescheduled Movie in the Park at Lions Field this weekend;
  - Working on Spark grants;
  - Disc Golf baskets for sale;
  - Great taxidermy presentation by Reid Hiltunen;
  - Mulch is being replaced and adaptive swing donated by TLC will be installed;
  - Parks and Recreation Plan will be on the Board's Agenda in September;
  - Working on items for Fall newsletter;
- Fire Chief's Fire Run Recap - July 2022
- 80 runs in July; ahead 50 runs from last year;
  - West Shore Services, who contract for the County, serviced the warning sirens in the Township; discussion on number of sirens currently in the Township and evaluation for additional warning sirens;
  - I-Pads for Board will be ordered tomorrow;
- Supervisor:
- Busy month in office;
  - Update on Waste Water Authority;
- Clerk:
- Update on August 2, 2022 election;
- Treasurer:
- Bank Balances as of July 27, 2022;
  - Water / Sewer Adjustments - July 2022;
  - Projected decrease in revenue sharing of 5.6% due to Census figures;
  - Update on library exterior improvements;
- Trustee Eder:
- Nice progress on demolition of houses by Silver Pointe Drive;
- Trustee Ruhlman:
- Library improvements are great;

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

T. Lauer moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$410,189.60 and supported by T. Eder.  
 All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

<b>Reg</b>	
<b>Fund 101 General Government</b>	<b>\$66,172.66</b>
<b>Fund 206 Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$69,730.77</b>
<b>Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$197,959.68</b>
<b>ACH</b>	
<b>Fund 101 General Government</b>	<b>\$1,617.98</b>
<b>Fund 206 Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$755.88</b>
<b>Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$427.59</b>
<b>Add-ons</b>	
<b>Fund 101 General Government</b>	<b>\$71,132.89</b>
<b>Fund 206 Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$188.66</b>
<b>Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$2,203.49</b>
<b>Total for All Funds</b>	<b>\$410,189.60</b>

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Diana Brown and Daniel Welsh (9069 Dixie) provided multiple photos of their neighbor's property which they feel is blighted and dangerous. They have been working with the Township's Code Enforcement Officer regarding this property and would like the litigation to continue until the area with the cement and rebar is cleaned up. They feel the area is dangerous and affects their enjoyment of their property. Supervisor advised the residents that this area appears to be part of the seawall and not under code enforcement or ordinance jurisdiction. Supervisor will have the Code Enforcement Officer contact the residents to discuss.

Catherine Palmer (6370 Hessen) inquired on ordinances regarding fire arms, target shooting, use of Tannerite and discharge hours. Resident has experienced some issues with neighbors and has been advised to contact police if these issues continue.

Tom Kott (8459 Jordan) inquired on current laws regarding recreational use vehicles on public streets including age of drivers as things are getting crazy with young children driving ATVs, 4-wheelers, dirt bikes and the like by themselves. Resident advised that the County has an ordinance concerning use of ORVs and that minimum driver age is 16 years old.

Marty Ullincy of MGM Containers (9571 Marine City Highway) inquired on status of 26 Mile Road Corridor project and surveys in the area.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss T. Lauer moved, with the support of J. Endres Jr., to close the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jean Corbat, Clerk