

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 2, 2021**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on August 2, 2021 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 Lauer, James Jacob, Thomas Eder and Jean Corbat
Absent: None

MINUTES:

T. Lauer moved to approve the minutes of the 7/7/2021 regular meeting supported by J. Jacob.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- St. Clair County Drain Commissioner RE Bay Drain (74-23-024-300-7000)
 - St. Clair County Drain Commissioner RE Bay Drain (At-Large)
 - AT&T RE Annual Video Report
 - SEMCO Energy RE MPS Hearing
 - PCE Proposal Re Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Acknowledged

OLD BUSINESS:

Extension RE Approved Amended Site Plan MGM Dumpsters (Case #20-420)

J. Jacob moved to approve the request of MGM Dumpsters for a six-month extension, to March 8, 2022, of the Amended Site Plan approved by the Board of Trustees at its September 8, 2020 meeting; this extension is for the current approved Amended Site Plan only and any revisions to that plan must be submitted to the Ira Township Planning Commission for consideration, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Change Order #1 RE Water and Fire Departments Pavement Replacement Project

J. Corbat moved to table this matter for additional information, supported by J. Jacob.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Long Island Court Hydrant / Stop Box Replacement Pay Application #1

T. Lauer moved to approve Payment Application #1 of Robert Clancy Contracting, in the amount of \$153,527.72, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

St. Clair County Parks & Recreation Regional Plan
No action taken by the Board pending presentation.

Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy

T. Eder moved to adopt the Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy, supported by J. Corbat.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIP Logistics Site Plan Approval - PC Case #21-430

J. Jacob moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Site Plan for VIP Logistics, as presented and subject to revisions for the sidewalk extension, constructing retention pond during first phase and allowing the existing house to remain on the site, supported by T. Lauer.

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

Clay Police - Monthly Additional Charges

J. Endres Jr. moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$1,900.00 from the Clay Township Police Department, for additional services rendered during the month of July 2021, supported by T. Eder.

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

Printer for Financial Clerk

J. Corbat moved to approve the quote from Hi-Tech to purchase a HP LaserJet Enterprise M430f Laser Multifunction Printer, for the sum of \$824.00, supported by T. Eder.

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

Sewer Relief Request - 6325 Bethuy Road

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Supervisor and approve the sewer relief request, in the amount of \$91.96, for 6325 Bethuy Road, supported by J. Jacob.

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

2021 Holiday Hours

T. Lauer moved to set holiday hours as follows: office closed December 20, 2021 through December 23, 2021 and December 29, 2021 and December 30, 2021. Office open December 27, 2021 and December 28, 2021. Employee may use vacation or sick time, if available, for any unpaid holidays, supported by J. Endres Jr.

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

September Meeting Date

T. Eder moved to change the September meeting date scheduled for Monday, September 6, 2021 to Tuesday, September 7, 2021, due to observance of Labor Day, supported by J. Jacob.

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

Commission Appointments

J. Endres Jr. moved to table this matter, supported by J. Corbat.

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

Employment Contracts RE: Trade Inspectors

J. Corbat moved to approve the Employment Contracts with the trade inspectors, Mark Schwartz, Sam Vitiello and William Karas, and authorize the Supervisor to sign the open term contracts on behalf of the Township, supported by J. Jacob.

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

SEMCOG Annual Dues

J. Jacob moved to approve payment of the SEMCOG 2021 Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$803.00, supported by T. Eder.

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

Volleyball Court Sand Acquisition

T. Lauer moved to approve the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Director and authorize purchase of mason sand for the volleyball court from Scheffler's Trucking, in the amount of \$864.00, supported by J. Jacob.

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

Engineering Design Proposal RE Water Department Heating and Cooling System

J. Corbat moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Supervisor and approve the proposal from Fishbeck, in the amount of \$59,980.00, for Architectural and Engineering Services as outlined in the proposal, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Fire Truck Bid Request

T. Lauer moved to approve the recommendation of the Fire Chief to obtain bid proposals for a new Pumper Tanker and a new Mini-Pumper for Township Board review, supported J. Jacob.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Engine Repairs

J. Jacob moved to approve the recommendation of the Fire Chief and authorize repair of the CAFS compressor system on Engine-1, in the amount of \$19,367.94, supported by J. Endres Jr.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

New Member Firefighter

J. Jacob moved to approve the recommendation of the Fire Chief and hire Thomas Angelotti as a contingent firefighter, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Large Culvert Replacement Program

J. Jacob moved to approve the Supervisor's recommendation to complete and execute an application on behalf of the Township for the St. Clair County Road Commission's Large Culvert Replacement Program for 2022/2023, which provides a 50/50 cost share and recommend replacement of the Arnold Road culvert between Church and Meldrum roads, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

2022 Local Road Funding Assistance Program

T. Lauer moved to approve the Supervisor's recommendation to complete and execute an application on behalf of the Township for the St. Clair County Road Commission's 2022 Local Road Funding Assistance Program to replace the culvert on Broadbridge Road east of Palms Road, supported by J. Jacob.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORTS:

Police Run Report- July 2021

Building Department Permits - May to July 2021

Code Enforcement Pending and New - July 2021

DPS

- Update on Long Island Court water line, stop box and fire hydrant replacement project;

Parks & Rec Director's Report - July 2021

- Music in the Park updates;
- Nature Heroes update;
- County Crew on site August 21st and 22nd;
- Girls Scout Troop to sponsor Little Library in Municipal Park;

Supervisor:

- Tri-Hospital EMS request for workshop;
- Large Culvert Replacement Program;
- 2022 Local Road Funding Assistance Program;
- Arnold Road Ditching update;

- Contacted by Chesterfield Township regarding road improvements for County Line and 26 Mile Road; Chesterfield Township will contact the St. Clair County Road Commission;
- Update on exterior renovations of the Township Hall and obtaining landscape recommendations for the Township Hall also;

Treasurer:

- Bank Balances as of July 28, 2021;
- Water / Sewer Adjustments - July 2021;
- Update on process for Water and Sewer adjustments;
- KCI Billing will now be handling new water and sewer invoices at a great savings to the Township;

Trustee Eder:

- Meeting at Fire Department very informative and our Fire Department does an excellent job.

DISBURSEMENTS:

J. Jacob moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$328,270.46 and supported by T. Eder.

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

Reg	
Fund 101 General Government	\$42,016.18
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$52,719.98
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$198,386.66
ACH	
Fund 101 General Government	\$1,228.40
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$757.71
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$624.11
Add Ons	
Regular	
Fund 101 General Government	\$30,561.12
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$608.10
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$1,368.20
Total for All Funds	\$328,270.46

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sharon Gerald (7911 Belle Brae) voiced concerns about code enforcement issues at 7993 Bouvier Bay Road. She also inquired on parking on road by marina patrons and that the no parking signs have been removed. Mrs. Gerald also advised that the no parking signs on Belle Brae are down and that the ditch on Dupont needs to be evaluated. Supervisor advised of current status of complaints at 7993 Bouvier Bay Road; he also advised that he would check on signage and drainage issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss J. Endres Jr. closed the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk