

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on September 7, 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 Lauer, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat.

Board member absent: Thomas Eder

AMEND AGENDA:

J. Endres Jr. moved to amend the agenda to move Item 6.A. Parks and Recreation 5-Year Plan under New Business to the end of that section, supported by T. Lauer.

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

MINUTES:

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 8/1/2022 regular and 8/9/22 special meetings, supported by T. Lauer.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- EGLE Application and Permit RE 9033 Dixie Highway
- Department of Treasury RE 2-22 AMAR Review
- EDA 2022 Annual Meeting
- MTA on the Road (Port Huron Oct 25-26 2022)

Acknowledged and filed

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 5-YEAR PARKS AND RECDREATION PLAN

The purpose of this public hearing is to review the proposed 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2023. The Parks and Recreation Plan forms the road map for the decisions to be made in the next five years regarding parks and recreation facilities and programming. Additionally, the plan must be submitted and accepted by the Michigan DNR to be eligible for recreational grants.

Public Hearing called to order by J. Endres Jr. at 7:04 p.m.

Steve Cassin, Township Planner, addressed the Board on the Plan and offered to answer any questions regarding the plan. Public was present at the public hearing but no comments were made.

T. Lauer moved to close the public hearing at 7:07 p.m., supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Clay Police - Monthly Additional Charges

T. Lauer moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$1,520.00 from the Clay Township Police Department, for additional services rendered during the month of August 2022, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Appointment to Parks and Recreation Commission

J. Endres Jr., supported by S. Ruhlman, moved to appoint Julia Aker to the Parks and Recreation Commission to complete the term of Marisa Siewert ending June 30, 2023.

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

VIP Drive Dedication

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Supervisor and approve the name of VIP Drive, a private road, for the VIP Logistics development, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance #130 - Amending Zoning Ordinance RE Section 3.1.2D and Solar Energy

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt Ordinance #130 amending the Ira Township Zoning Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 31, as amended, revising regulations for setbacks in the Residential Suburban District; providing regulations for private and commercial solar energy systems; adopting additional necessary definitions for regulation of private and commercial solar energy systems, supported by J. Corbat.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Thomas Eder

Nays: None

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

RES 22-09-01 Adopting St. Clair County Hazard Mitigation Plan

T. Lauer moved to adopt Resolution 22-09-01 Adopting St. Clair County Hazard Mitigation Plan, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Thomas Eder

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RES 22-09-02 Supporting DNR Spark Grant Application

S. Ruhlman moved to adopt Resolution 22-09-02 Supporting DNR Spark Grant Application, supported by T. Lauer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Thomas Eder

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Russell Investment Co. LLC Lot Split Application - 6560 Bethuy Road

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the lot split for parcel #74-23-007-2001-000 as presented, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

BS&A Planning, Zoning and Engineering Module

T. Lauer moved to approve the recommendation of the Financial Clerk and Planning and Zoning Administrator and approve the quote from BS&A Software, in the amount of \$2,560.00, for purchase and training of the Planning, Zoning and Engineering Module, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Employee Probationary Status

T. Lauer moved to move employee Jacob Alessandri from probationary to full time status with retroactive pay effective April 11, 2022 and to move employee Lori Endres from probationary to full time status effective September 12, 2022, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Ayes: Thomas Lauer, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat

Absent: Thomas Eder

Abstain: James Endres, Jr.

MOTION CARRIED

Epoxy Flooring for Large Pavilion

J. Endres, Jr. moved to table this matter for more information, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Fire Station Use

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the request of the Ira Firefighters Women's Auxiliary and Ira Firefighters Association to use the Fire Station for the annual Pancake Breakfast on October 23, 2022 from 8:00am to 12:00pm, supported by J. Endres Jr.

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

Turnout Gear

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the purchase of ten (10) sets of turnout gear, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00, supported by J. Corbat.

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

Request to Terminate Water and Sewer Service (9638 Dixie)

S. Ruhlman moved to table this matter until proper inspections have been completed, supported by T. Lauer.

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

Budget Amendment 22/23 #1

Budget Amendment 22/23 #1		9/7 Meeting
General Fund		
Election		
101-262-704	Wages - Part Time Employees	2,000
101-262-900	Printing/Publishing	(4,500)
101-262-970	Capital Outlay - Control	2,500 new election computers

J. Endres Jr. moved to approve Budget Amendment 22/23 #1, as presented, for the General Fund, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

RES 22-09-03 Adopting 2022-2026 Parks and Recreation Plan

S. Ruhlman moved to adopt Resolution 22-09-03 Adopting 2022-2026 Parks and Recreation Plan, supported by T. Lauer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Thomas Eder

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

2023 Local Road Funding Assistance Program

T. Lauer moved to approve and authorize the Supervisor to complete the 2023 Local Road System Funding Assistance Program Application for ditching work within the Township, for the sum of \$25,000.00, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

REPORTS:

Police Run Report- August 2022

Building Department Permits - August 2022

Code Enforcement - August 2022

DPS Superintendent - August 2022

- Update on Zobl Court station storm damage after lightning strike;
- Staff has been working on various project especially in the Municipal Park;
- Update on heating and air handling at Water Plant;
- Broiler inspection update;

Parks & Rec Director's Reports - August 2022

- DPS currently pellets in the Municipal Park;
- Update on installation of Disc Golf baskets and advertising for sponsorship for each hole;
- Christmas Journal is cancelled;

- Saturday is the Drive-in movie night;
- Fire Chief's Fire Run Recap - August 2022
- Extra busy month with 90 runs in August and up 50 calls from last year;
 - ISO coming out for 5-year insurance rating for Township;
 - Fire I and Fire II training will be offered by Carl Billings after the first of the year;
 - Update on Engine I repair and cost estimate;

Supervisor:

- Received offer from American Tower; requesting input from Board members;
- Discussion on 2023 Local Road Funding;
- Update RE Denial of CWSRF grant application;
- Waste Water Authority meeting set for September 13, 2022;
- Discussion on replacement of Library sign to match campus-wide style and color;
- Tree-carving at Library needs maintenance;
- Attending PTM open house on September 16, 2022;
- Old I-Pads available to Board Members for \$50;

Clerk:

- Attending St. Clair County Clerks Association meeting on September 8, 2022;
- Working on November 8, 2022 election;

Treasurer:

- Bank Balances as of August 31, 2022;
- Water / Sewer Adjustments - August 2022;

DISBURSEMENTS:

S. Ruhlman moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$172,799.91 and supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Reg	
Fund 101 General Government	\$85,477.71
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$10741.30
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$71,590.98
ACH	
Fund 101 General Government	\$4371.07
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$137.65
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$481.20
Total for All Funds	\$172,799.91

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kelly Noland running for State Representative in the new district #63, which includes Ira Township, introduced herself to the Board and members of the audience.

Evelyn McCoy (7043 Meldrum Road) encouraged about resolution for DNR Spark Grant for splash pad at Municipal Park.

Julia Aker (7769 Vernier Lane) happy about appointment to Parks and Recreation Board and looking forward to a splash pad for the park.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss T. Lauer moved, with the support of S. Ruhlman, to close the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk