

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 5, 2026**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on January 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Board member absent: James Endres, Jr.

Also present: William (BJ) Meldrum of PCE, Township Engineer

MINUTES:

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 12/1/25 special, 12/1/25 regular and 12/17/25 special meetings, supported by T. Eder.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County RE: Semi-Annual Luncheon

Acknowledged and filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Upgrade Old Server

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Financial Clerk and approve a BDR Server Conversion by Centaris, in the amount of \$2,414.00, supported by T. Eder.

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

Work Without Permit Fees

S. Ruhlman moved to table this agenda item and to schedule a Board Workshop to discuss this matter, supported by T. Eder.

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

Ordinance #144 Amendment of Ira Township Open and Outdoor Burning Ordinance

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and adopt Ordinance #144 Amendment of Ira Township Open and Outdoor Burning ordinance, supported by T. Eder.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Thomas Lauer, T. Eder, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat

Absent: James Endres Jr.

Nays: None **MOTION CARRIED** **ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

Zobl Court Water & Sewer Line Replacement Payment Application #3 and Change Order #2

T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the Township Engineer and DPS Superintendent and approve Change Order #2 and Contractor's Application for Payment #3 to D.V.M. Utilities, Inc., in the amount of \$252,706.66, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Sewer Relief RE 8449 Dixie Highway

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and grant relief to the property owner at 8449 Dixie Highway by providing a credit, in the amount of \$297.85, for the sewer portion of the utility charges for the billing period of December 2025, supported by T. Eder.

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

Clay Police - December 2025 Additional Charges

T. Eder moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$1,275.00 for the month of December 2025 from the Clay Township Police Department, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Firefighters Probationary Period

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve moving firefighters Joe Romanelli and Payton Yost, from probation pay of \$18.00 per hour to full pay of \$19.00 per hour, effective next pay period, supported by T. Eder.
 All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Fire Hall Use RE Charcuterie Class

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director and Fire Chief and approve use of the Fire Hall for a Charcuterie Class on March 12, 2026 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., supported by T. Eder.
 All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Part-Time Firefighter

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and move Payton Yost to a part-time shift firefighter, supported by T. Lauer.
 All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Water Tower Vent Replacement

T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve a quote from Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group, in the amount of \$9,250.00, to replace the vent on the Water Tower, supported by S. Ruhlman.
 All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Enforcement of Consent Judgment RE: M. L. Chartier et al v Ira Township

J. Corbat moved to table this matter for thirty (30) days, supported by T. Eder.
 All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Budget Revision 25/26 #2

Budget Revision 25/26 #2		1/5 meeting	
General Fund			
Expenditures			
Library			
101-790-755	Supplies - Cleaning & Paper	200	expense more than expected
Net effect on budget will be a \$ 200.00 Increase to the Expenditures			
Fire Fund			
Expenditures			
206-000-719	Workman's Compensation	150	expense more than expected
206-000-751	Fire Prevention Materials	300	expense more than expected
206-000-763	Materials	300	expense more than expected
Net effect on budget will be a \$ 750.00 Increase to the Expenditures			
Water/Sewer			
Expenditures			
592-537-861	Transportation - Mileage Reimbursement	200	class mileage
Net effect on budget will be a \$ 200.00 Increase to the Expenditures			

S. Ruhlman moved to approve Budget Revision 25/26 #2 for the General Fund, Fire Fund and Water/Sewer Fund, supported by T. Eder.
 All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Budget Amendment 25/26 #2

Budget Amendment 25/26 #2		1/5 Meeting	
General Fund			
Revenue			
101-000-646	Miscellaneous Charges	1,000	
101-000-584	Grants - Parks & Recreation	20,000	ADA kayak launch
Expenditure			
Clerk			
101-215-705	Board Stipend	1,000	Clerk's FOIA stipend

ACH Accounts Payable	
Fund 101 General Government	\$2,557.64
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$1,722.83
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	<u>\$1,742.93</u>
Total Bills	<u>\$140,538.19</u>
Tax Account	\$362,526.32
Trust and Agency	<u>\$8,200.12</u>
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	<u>\$511,264.63</u>

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BJ Meldrum thanked the Board for holding the agenda open for his item;

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss T. Lauer moved, with the support of T. Eder, to close the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk