

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on February 2, 2026 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, Thomas Eder and Jean Corbat.  
Board member absent: Stella Ruhlman

**MINUTES:**

T. Eder moved to approve the minutes of the 1/5/26 regular and 1/19/26 special meetings, supported by T. Lauer.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

St. Clair County Chapter of the MTA Annual Meeting  
SEMCOG Member Outreach  
SEMCO Energy Gas Company Public Hearing  
Acknowledged and filed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ordinance #145 Amendment of Ira Township Fire Prevention Code  
T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and adopt Ordinance #145 Amendment of Ira Township Fire Prevention Code, supported by T. Lauer.  
Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes:                      James Endres Jr., Thomas Lauer, T. Eder and Jean Corbat  
Absent:                      Stella Ruhlman  
Nays:                      None                      **MOTION CARRIED**                      **ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

Adoption of RES 26-02-01 Revised Building Department Fee Schedule  
T. Eder moved to adopt Resolution 26-02-01 Revised Building Department Fee Schedule, supported by J. Endres Jr.  
Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes:                      James Endres Jr., Thomas Lauer, T. Eder and Jean Corbat  
Absent:                      Stella Ruhlman  
Nays:                      None                      **MOTION CARRIED**                      **RESOLUTON ADOPTED**

Adoption of RES 26-02-02 Revised Electrical Permit Fee Schedule  
T. Lauer moved to adopt Resolution 26-02-02 Revised Electrical Permit Fee Schedule, supported by T. Eder.  
Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes:                      James Endres Jr., Thomas Lauer, T. Eder and Jean Corbat  
Absent:                      Stella Ruhlman  
Nays:                      None                      **MOTION CARRIED**                      **RESOLUTON ADOPTED**

Adoption of RES 26-02-03 Revised Mechanical Permit Fee Schedule  
T. Lauer moved to adopt Resolution 26-02-03 Revised Mechanical Permit Fee Schedule, supported by T. Eder.  
Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes:                      James Endres Jr., Thomas Lauer, T. Eder and Jean Corbat  
Absent:                      Stella Ruhlman  
Nays:                      None                      **MOTION CARRIED**                      **RESOLUTON ADOPTED**

Adoption of RES 26-02-04 Revised Plumbing Permit Fee Schedule  
T. Eder moved to adopt Resolution 26-02-04 Revised Plumbing Permit Fee Schedule, supported by T. Lauer.  
Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes:                      James Endres Jr., Thomas Lauer, T. Eder and Jean Corbat  
Absent:                      Stella Ruhlman  
Nays:                      None                      **MOTION CARRIED**                      **RESOLUTON ADOPTED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

St. Clair County Council on Aging

T. Lauer moved to appropriate \$1,500.00 to the St. Clair County Council on Aging for the Washington Life Center to help defray the costs of serving the senior citizens of Ira Township, supported by T. Eder.

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

Clay Police - January 2026 Additional Charges

T. Eder moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$297.50 for the month of January 2026 from the Clay Township Police Department, supported by T. Lauer.

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

MTA Principles of Governance

T. Lauer moved to adopt and authorize Board members to sign the MTA Principles of Governance, supported by T. Eder.

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

Application RE: Temporary Uses - Special Events for Immaculate Conception Festival

T. Eder moved to approve the Temporary Uses - Special Events Permit for Immaculate Conception Parish Annual Festival to be held July 31<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026, authorize Police Department patrols and Fire Department patrols, personnel and equipment for the event and to waive the \$50 application fee, supported by J. Endres Jr.

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

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update Proposal

T. Lauer moved to approve the Proposal submitted by Cassin Planning Group, LLC, in the amount of \$1,800.00 appropriated from the General Fund, to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, supported by T. Eder

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

2026 Standard Mileage Rate

T. Eder moved to adopt the IRS 2026 Standard Mileage Rate of 72.5 cents per mile, effective February 3, 2026, supported by T. Lauer.

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

RES 26-02-05 Adopting a Revised Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Fee Schedule

T. Lauer moved to adopt Resolution 26-02-05 Adopting a Revised Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Fee Schedule, supported by T. Eder.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent:                      Stella Ruhlman

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

Host Meeting RE St. Clair County Firefighters Association

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve use of the Fire Hall to host a meeting of the St. Clair County Firefighters Association to be held February 24, 2026 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., supported by T. Eder.

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

Side-by-Side and Trailer Purchase

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the purchase of a new 2026 Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000 Side-by-Side from Ball Equipment-Richmond, for the amount of \$32,439.93, and the purchase of a new 2026 Legend Thunder Car Trailer from Schneider's Motorsports & Marine, in the amount of \$17,000.00, funding for both items to be appropriated 50% from the Fire Fund and 50% from the General Fund, supported by T. Eder.

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

Request for Sewer Relief RE 10091 Dixie Highway

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and grant relief to the property owner at 10091 Dixie Highway by providing a credit, in the amount of \$821.10, for the sewer portion of the utility charges for the billing period of December 2025 and January 2026, supported by T. Eder.

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

Water Meter Purchase

T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve a quote from Let's Move Water, in the amount of \$6,989.76, to purchase 20 water meters, supported by T. Lauer.

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

Fire Hydrant Purchase

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve the purchase of an EJIW Fire Hydrant from Teltow Contracting, Inc., for the sum of \$3,385.80, supported by T. Eder.

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

Access Control for Water Department and Township Hall

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve the quotes from Michigan Security Systems, in the amount of \$4,714.50, for Security System Access Control for the Water Department and Township Hall, and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreements on behalf of the Township, supported by T. Eder.

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

Request for Sewer Relief RE 7797 Shorkey Drive

J. Endres Jr. moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and grant relief to the property owner at 7797 Shorkey Drive by providing a credit, in the amount of \$24.15, for the sewer portion of the utility charges for the billing period of June 2025 through July 2025, supported by T. Eder.

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

First Amendment to Waste Collection Contract with Emterra

T. Eder moved to approve the First Amendment to Waste Collection and Disposal Contract with Emterra setting fees as stated and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by T. Lauer.

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

**JANUARY 2026 REPORTS:**

- Police Run Report
- Building Department Permits
- Code Enforcement Report

DPS Supervisor

- Working on winter maintenance;
- Working on the gator rebuilding the engine;
- Ad out for Water Plant employee; interviews will start later this week;

Parks & Recreation Director Reports

- Update on parking issues at Water Works Park;
- Computer issues to be addressed;
- Easter Egg Hunt already being advertised by Marie McQuire;

Fire Department

- 57 runs in January;
- Update on window installation time frame;
- Squad 1 is now in full service;

Supervisor

- Update on Sewer Authority Purchase Agreement;
- Sewer Authority has signed an Engineering Agreement with Fishbeck; project to take about 1 to 1 ½ years;
- Arnold Road Bridge between Meldrum and Hessen replacement to start this month;
- Attending Annual Road Commission meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>;

Clerk

- Township will host multiple election inspector training sessions with the County scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup>;
- Township office will be closed on February 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day;
- Thank you to DPS staff for the upgrades to the Township Hall;

Treasurer

- Bank Balances;
- Water and Sewer Adjustments;
- Update on kitchen remodeling;

**BILLS AND DISBURSEMENTS:**

T. Lauer moved to pay the following bills totaling \$621,028.46 and affirm Tax Account disbursements of \$1,576,669.40 and Trust and Agency disbursements of \$2,669.00 for a total of \$2,200,396.86, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Reg Accounts Payable**

<b>Fund 101 General Government</b>	<b>\$158,434.90</b>
<b>Fund 206 Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$23,847.57</b>
<b>Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$429,368.51</b>

**ACH Accounts Payable**

<b>Fund 101 General Government</b>	<b>\$6,729.05</b>
<b>Fund 206 Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$1,419.80</b>
<b>Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$1,228.63</b>
<b>Total Bills</b>	<b><u>\$621,028.46</u></b>

<b>Tax Account</b>	<b>\$1,576,669.40</b>
<b>Trust and Agency</b>	<b><u>\$2,699.00</u></b>

<b>TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b><u>\$2,200,396.86</u></b>
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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

T. Kott inquired on Emterra services;

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss T. Lauer moved, with the support of J. Endres Jr., to close the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jean Corbat, Clerk