

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 4, 2026**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on May 4, 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, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat.

MINUTES:

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 4/6/26 regular meeting, as presented, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

RES 26-05-01 Approving Ballot Proposition for Police Protection Millage

S. Ruhlman moved to adopt Resolution 26-05-01 Approving Ballot Proposition for Police Protection Millage, for 2.5 mills for a period of 6 years for police protection within the Township of Ira, supported by T. Eder.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: J. Endres Jr., T. Lauer, T. Eder, S. Ruhlman and J. Corbat
Nays: None **MOTION CARRIED** **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Land Division Application RE 8637 Dixie Highway

T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the Assessor and approve the Land Division Application for a property split of 8637 Dixie Highway, Parcel Identification 74-23-640-0109-011, into two (2) lots, as presented, which application has been reviewed by St. Clair County, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Application for Special Land Use and Site Plan Approval RE 9242
Dixie Highway PC-26-4675

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Special Land Use Application of Applicant, Sad Alnimri, at 9242 Dixie Highway, and revised Site Plan dated 04-21-2026 prepared by Engr.Manhal and Stephen A. Kwasnk, as presented, with the following conditions: Notation of additional low-level landscaping near the sign; Correct labeling on the site plan elevations (south is actually the east elevation); Fire Department will require emergency access to the rear, which will require the dumpster to be moved to rear of property; Lighting must be defined, to ensure proper shielding for adjacent properties; compliance with all applicable township regulations. Applicant will also provide a Notice of Special Land Use Approval in a form acceptable to the Township to be executed by all parties in interest, for recording with the St. Clair County Register of Deeds and pay the \$30 recording fee to the Township to record the document; supported by T. Eder.

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

Clay Police - April 2026 Additional Charges

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$1,020.00 for the month of April 2026 from the Clay Township Police Department, supported by T. Eder.

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

St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement RE Ditching Swan Creek Road
 T. Lauer moved to approve, for fiscal year 2026/2027, the Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission, in the amount of \$22,810.00, which will be subsidized by Berm and Drain funds in the amount of \$13,504.22 for a sum due from the Township of \$9,305.78, for ditching approximately 500 feet along the east side of Swan Creek Road, starting 500' south of Short Cut Road, and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by S. Ruhlman.
 All voting yes. Oposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Audit Engagement Letter
 S. Ruhlman moved to approve the audit engagement letter from McBride - Manley, in the amount of \$42,000.00, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, supported by T. Eder
 All voting yes. Oposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

RES 26-05-02 Adopting a Revised Freedom of Information Act Fee Schedule
 T. Eder moved to adopt Resolution 26-05-02 Adopting a Revised Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Fee Schedule, as presented, supported by S. Ruhlman.
 Roll Call Vote:
 Ayes: J. Endres Jr., T. Lauer, T. Eder, S. Ruhlman and J. Corbat
 Nays: None **MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

RES 26-05-03 Setting Business Registration Fees
 S. Ruhlman moved to adopt Resolution 26-05-03 Setting Business Registration Fees of \$25.00 per application, as presented, supported by T. Eder.
 Roll Call Vote:
 Ayes: J. Endres Jr., T. Lauer, T. Eder, S. Ruhlman and J. Corbat
 Nays: None **MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Request for Fire and Police Escort for 3rd Annual Walk of the Poor
 T. Lauer moved to approve the request of Immaculate Conception St. Vincent de Paul #802 for fire and police escort for its 3rd Annual Walk of the Poor to be held on June 6, 2026 starting at 9:00 a.m., supported by S. Ruhlman.
 All voting yes. Oposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Budget Amendment 25/26 #3

Budget Amendment 25/26 #3		5/4 Meeting	
General Fund			
Revenue			
101-000-681	Donations - Parks & Recreation	1,200	
Expenditure			
Parks & Recreation			
101-751-816	Recreation Programs	1,200	new helmets for program
Fire			
Expenditures			
206-000-818	Contractual Services	4,000	hose testing expenses more than expected
206-000-921	Natural Gas	700	expected
206-000-930	Land and Building Repairs	7,000	boiler repair expenses more than expected
206-000-931	Maintenance - Small Equipment	2,000	expenses more than expected
206-000-932	Maintenance - Vehicle	3,000	expected
206-000-970	Capital Outlay	24,720	side x side
206-000-974	Capital Outlay - Land	(41,420)	

T. Eder moved to approve Budget Amendment 25/26 #3 for the General Fund and Fire Fund, as presented, supported by S. Ruhlman.
 All voting yes. Oposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Water Department Interviews

T. Lauer moved to authorize the DPS Superintendent to continue interviews for a new Water Department Employee, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

APRIL 2026 REPORTS:

Police Run Report

Building Department Permits

Code Enforcement Report

DPS Supervisor

- Thank you for your help with the DPS Foreman position;
- Working on spring maintenance throughout the Township;
- The Vactor has been in use throughout the Township;
- Neighboring community is interested in contracting with the Township for Vactor services in its community in emergency situations; a recommendation with fee schedule will be prepared and brought back to the Board for more discussion;
- New employee has been released;
- Spring Clean-Up 2026 is scheduled for June 13th and 14th 2026 from 8am to 4pm; MGM Containers for household trash and Chartier for household hazardous waste will be on site;

Parks & Recreation Director Reports

- Back-to-back productive weekends with County Crew on site; thank you to DPS staff who helped stage the areas, so work is on-going;
- Continue work on Recreation Plan with Township Planner; also handed out survey forms to residents without internet access and provided those responses to the Planner;
- Starting work on Pollinator Meadow in large field; see informational flyer;
- Medicare Seminar has been moved to the Fire Hall;

Fire Department

- Busy month in April - 77 runs;
- A field trip to visit the Fire Hall is planned on May 27th or 29th for students from Francois Maconce Elementary;
- SCBA Pack sent back for repairs which will be under warranty;
- On-site testing today went well - everything passed;
- Boat is in the water;
- The boat trailer needs work; looking at options to remove rust and replace fenders;
- I really enjoyed attending the FDIC conference last month; lots of new ideas and information including how to handle electric car fires;

Supervisor

- Church Road milling and paving starts this week; this is county sponsored improvement;
- Bridge on Arnold Road scheduled to be paved this Friday and open next week;
- The Sewer Authority is moving forward with engineering and is awaiting notification on its application for a \$2.8M grant;
- Out of the office from May 7th to 17th but available by email and phone;

Clerk

- The election inspector training held on April 9, 2026 went well; the Township will also host training on June 17th;
- Attending SCCMTA meeting on May 7th, 2026; a representative of the County Drain Office will be the guest speaker;
- Participating in a Zoom seminar for Election De-escalation Training on May 14th;

Treasurer

- Bank Balances;
- Water and Sewer Adjustments;

Trustee Ruhlman:

- Inquired on status former school property on Broadbridge Road;

BILLS AND DISBURSEMENTS:

S. Ruhlman moved to pay bills totaling \$164,521.49 and affirm Tax Account disbursements of \$316.50 and Trust and Agency disbursements of \$3,361.90 for total bills and disbursements of \$168,199.89, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Reg Accounts Payable	\$87,624.35
Fund 101 General Government	\$19,691.73
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$51,438.10
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	
ACH Accounts Payable	
Fund 101 General Government	\$2,388.32
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$3,019.89
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	<u>\$359.10</u>
Total Bills	<u>\$164,521.49</u>
Tax Account	\$316.50
Trust and Agency	<u>\$3,361.90</u>
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	<u>\$168,199.89</u>

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss J. Endres Jr. moved, with the support of T. Lauer, to close the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk