

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 1, 2026

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on June 1, 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by T. Lauer, supported by S. Ruhlman, to approve the agenda as amended, to add under New Business Turtle Fire System.

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

MINUTES:

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 5/6/26 regular and 5/18/26 special meetings, as presented, supported by T. Eder.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

SEMCO Energy Hearing Notice

Acknowledged and filed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Michigan Township Association (MTA) Annual Dues

T. Lauer moved to allocate \$7,273.00 for the 2026-27 Michigan Townships Association annual dues, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Clay Police - May 2026 Additional Charges

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$1,615.00 for the month of May 2026 from the Clay Township Police Department, supported by T. Eder.

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

Schedule Public Hearing for 26/27 Budget and Special Meeting

S. Ruhlman moved to schedule the 26/27 Budget Hearing for June 23, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. with a special meeting to follow the hearing, supported by T. Eder.

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

Request for Sewer Relief RE 8828 Ira Road

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and grant relief to the property owner at 8828 Ira Road by providing a credit in the amount of \$124.05, for the sewer portion of the utility charges for the billing period January through April 2026, supported by T. Eder.

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

Contingent Firefighter

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and hire Ethan Markel as a contingent firefighter effective June 1, 2026, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Equipment Purchase

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve two (2) quotes from AIS Construction Equipment, in the total amount not to exceed \$18,490.62, for attachments for the backhoe and mini excavator, supported by T. Eder.

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

RES 26-06-01 to Affirm and Officially Name the Ira Township Municipal Park

S. Ruhlman moved to adopt Resolution 26-06-01 to affirm and officially name the Ira Township Municipal Park, 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 RESOLUTON ADOPTED**

RES 26-06-02 to Affirm and Officially Name the Ira Township Waterworks Park

T. Lauer moved to adopt Resolution 26-06-02 to affirm and officially name the Ira Township Waterworks Park, 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 RESOLUTON ADOPTED**

RES 26-06-03 to Name the Ira Township Swan Creek Park

S. Ruhlman moved to adopt Resolution 26-06-03 to officially name the Ira Township Swan Creek Park, 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 RESOLUTON ADOPTED**

Part-time Shift Firefighter

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and hire Justen Diaz as a part-time shift firefighter, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Contingent Firefighter

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and hire Connor Eridon as a contingent firefighter, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Turtle Fire System

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and authorize the purchase of the Turtle Fire System, for electric and other car fires, allocating grant funds in the amount of \$2,500.00, supported by S. Ruhlman

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

MAY 2026 REPORTS:

Police Run Report

Building Department Permits

Code Enforcement Report

DPS Supervisor

- Vactor Truck in use throughout Township and also assisted a neighboring community;
- Annual Permit inspection with EGLE scheduled for June 17th;
- Repairing and replacing fire hydrants as needed;
- Services lines are being replaced as needed;
- Update on Interceptor project;

Parks & Recreation Director Reports

- Four park events planned for June including Music in the Park;
- Bike safety class will be held June 20th at 10:00 am;
- May was a busy month attending meetings for our Recreation Passport Grant; Thank you to Eric Jarvi who also attended meetings;
- SEMCOG hosted a Recreation Summit which was very informative;
- Community Foundation held a Rural Development Summit survey feedback meeting which was very informative to continue assistance for rural and small towns;
- Staff reviewing the RFP for engineering and construction administrative services for the accessible treehouse and working with Nancy Winzer on this project;

Fire Department

- Busy month in May - 67 runs;
- Township received a Public Safety Grant where 75% will be allocated to police protection and 25% to the Fire Department; the Fire Department would like to use the funds for the Turtle Fire System to use for electric and other car fires;

Supervisor

- Bridge on Arnold Road and Church Road repaving are complete;
- Update on tree removal on Swan Creek Road;
- Regarding the Sewer Authority:
 1. Hiring an accounting firm;
 2. Received a call that the grant application has been submitted, and we should know by September whether the Authority is awarded the \$2.85M grant through Congresswoman Lisa McClain's office;
 3. Property acquisition is complete;
 4. Engineering is pending for the project;

Clerk

- Thank you to Cindy and DPS for the great Memorial Day event;
- Attended a Zoom seminar for Election De-escalation Training on May 14th;
- Attended mandatory election training sponsored by the MBOE on May 28th;
- St. Clair County Clerks luncheon scheduled for June 11th;
- Election inspector training will be held at the Township on June 17th;
- Office will be closed on June 18th in observance of Juneteenth;

Treasurer

- Bank Balances;
- Water and Sewer Adjustments;
- Building Department Adjustments;
- Business Registration applications were sent out a week ago and responses coming-in;
- Liquor Control inspections completed last week;

Trustee Eder

- Honor to attend and participate in the Memorial Day Service at the Municipal Park;

BILLS AND DISBURSEMENTS:

T. Lauer moved to pay bills totaling \$852,218.10 and affirm Tax Account disbursements of \$99,259.59 and Trust and Agency disbursements of \$15,896.30 for total bills and disbursements of \$967,373.99, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes.	Opposing: None	MOTION CARRIED
REG General Government		\$131,473.78
REG Fire Fund		\$15,754.44
REG Water/Sewer Fund		\$701,197.83
ACH General Government		\$1,240.52
ACH Fire Fund		\$1,489.53
ACH Water/Sewer Fund		\$1,062.00
Total Bills		\$852,218.10
Tax Account		\$99,259.59
Trust & Agency		\$15,896.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ALL ACCOUNTS		\$967,373.99

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Kott verified that the Walk for the Poor was cancelled until the Fall.

Matt Biskner of Tri-Hospital EMS addressed the Board regarding the upcoming county-wide millage renewal for ambulance services; The renewal is for 1/2 mill for 4 years. Since the first millage was passed services county-wide have benefited.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, J. Endres Jr. moved, with the support of T. Lauer, to close the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk