

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY 6, 2026**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on July 6, 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, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat. Absent: Thomas Eder

MINUTES:

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 6/1/26 regular and 6/23/26 special meetings, as presented, supported by T. Lauer.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Notice of Distribution - Draft Cottrellville Township Master Plan Acknowledged and filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Extension of First Amendment of Conditional Rezoning Agreement RE Waterview Park Estates

T. Lauer moved to approve a six (6) month extension of the terms and conditions of the First Amendment to Conditional Rezoning Agreement dated June 16, 2025 and recorded in Liber 5826, Page 996 St. Clair County records, for the current approved Site Plan, from July 19, 2026 to January 19, 2027, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

2026 Local Millage Distribution Request

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the 2026 Request for Local Millage Distribution to the St. Clair County Parks & Recreation Commission and authorize the Supervisor to sign the application on behalf of the Township, supported by J. Endres Jr.

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

Clay Police - June 2026 Additional Charges

T. Lauer moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$2,380.00 for the month of June 2026 from the Clay Township Police Department, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Use of Fire Hall RE North East Recreation and Parks Association

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the request of the Parks and Recreation Director to use the Fire Hall on November 29, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a meeting for the North East Recreation and Parks Association, supported by T. Lauer.

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

Mutual Aid Request of St Clair Fire Department RE St. Clair River Classic Offshore Powerboat Races

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and authorize the Fire Department to assist the St. Clair Fire Department at the St. Clair River Classic Offshore Powerboat Races to be held on July 25, 2026 from 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m. and July 26, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a rescue boat and operators, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Paid-on-Call Firefighter

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and hire Adam Smith as a paid-on-call firefighter, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Firefighter Terminations

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and terminate employment of Ben Eggli and Meghan Vanderhoff for failure to meet contingent employee requirements as outlined in the termination letters, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Firefighter Resignation

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and accept, with regret, the resignation letter of Andy Burnside, as presented, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Contingent Firefighter

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and hire Robert Adas as a contingent firefighter, supported by T. Lauer.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

JUNE 2026 REPORTS:

- Police Run Report
- Building Department Permits
- Code Enforcement Report
- DPS Superintendent (no report)
- Parks & Recreation Director Reports
 - Update on RFP for Swan Creek Park and inquiries on Topo;
 - Friday night - Ira Kyruh playing in the Park for teen night
- Fire Chief Report
 - 67 runs in June;
- Supervisor
 - Meeting scheduled with EDA and MEDC for July 8, 2026 to discuss township priorities and Authority;
- Clerk
 - Reminder that the August 3, 2026 Board meeting will be held at the Fire Hall;
- Treasurer
 - Bank Balances;
 - Water and Sewer Adjustments;
 - Building Department Adjustments;
 - Updates on Business Registration Ordinance; about 75% of applications have been returned;
 - Library is requesting additional space; Meeting with the St. Clair County Library Director on this issue and consideration of fire hall for presentations;
- Trustee Ruhlman
 - Enjoyed last Music in the Park event;
 - Pickleball courts are very busy;

BILLS AND DISBURSEMENTS:

S. Ruhlman moved to pay bills totaling \$506,473.49 and affirm Zero Tax Account disbursements and Trust and Agency disbursements of \$9,812.92 for total bills and disbursements of \$516,286.41, supported by T. Lauer.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

REG General Government	\$277,946.73
REG Fire Fund	\$61,756.71
REG Water/Sewer Fund	\$164,197.62
ACH General Government	\$875.43
ACH Fire Fund	\$990.51
ACH Water/Sewer Fund	\$706.49
Total Bills	\$506,473.49
Tax Account	\$-0-
Trust & Agency	\$9,812.92
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ALL ACCOUNTS	\$516,286.41

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joseph Backus, a candidate for Michigan State Senate District 12, introduced himself to the Board and commented on the proposed police millage which seems to be well presented to the residents.

Charlie Bird inquired on code enforcement of music issues at Island Grill, including increase in days and high decibel levels; he also inquired on the greenbelt which was required but not in place by his property.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, T. Lauer moved, with the support of J. Endres Jr., to close the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk