

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 3, 2026**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the Ira Township Fire Hall located at 7065 Meldrum Road, Fair Haven, Michigan 48023 on August 3, 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, New Utility Vehicle for the Fire Department.

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

MINUTES:

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 7/6/26 regular and 7/16/26 special meetings, as presented, supported by T. Eder.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

SEMCO Energy

Acknowledged and filed.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

RES 26-08-01 2027 Local Road Funding Assistance Program

T. Eder moved to adopt Resolution 26-08-01 2027 Local Road Funding Assistance Program to replace a crossroad pipe on Broadbridge Road approximately 1,000 feet east of Swan Creek Road, with the Township's share of the project estimated in the amount of \$14,000.00 and authorize the Supervisor to sign the application and other supporting documents, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None **MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Clay Police - July 2026 Additional Charges

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$2,040.00 for the month of July 2026 from the Clay Township Police Department, supported by T. Lauer.

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

SEMCOG Annual Membership Dues

T. Eder moved to approve payment to SEMCOG for the 2026 Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$1,569.00, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Electronic Sign Repairs

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve the quote from Electro-Matic Visual, Inc., in the amount of \$1,950.00, for modem and antenna replacement and service the Hyperion Plus Display for the Electronic Sign, supported by T. Eder

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

BS&A Cloud Update

T. Lauer moved to approve the quote from BS&A Software, in the total amount of \$76,815.00, which represents \$38,400.00 for Upgrade Implementation and \$38,415.00 for Upgrade Modules Annual Fee, with projected start of March 2027, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Appointment of Prime Professional RE Swan Creek Park Treehouse Project
S. Ruhlman moved to approve the proposal of Rowe Professional Services as Prime Professional for the Swan Creek Park Treehouse Project, in the amount of \$46,400.00, supported by J. Endres Jr.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Location Change for November 2026 Regular Board Meeting
T. Eder moved to approve the request of the Clerk to move the location for the November 2, 2026 regular Board of Trustees meeting to the Ira Township Fire Hall, to accommodate preparation for the November 3, 2026 General Election, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

2026 Holiday Hours
S. Ruhlman moved to set 2026 Holiday Hours as follows: Township office closed December 22, 2026 December 23, 2026, December 24, 2026, December 29, 2026, December 30, 2026 and December 31, 2026. The office will be open December 28, 2026 for the purpose of tax collection and return to regular hours January 4, 2027. Employees may use vacation, personal or sick time, if available, for any unpaid holidays, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

RES 26-08-02 to Adopt Threshold Amount Under Section 218 Agreement for Election Workers
S. Ruhlman moved to adopt Resolution 24-08-02 to Adopt Threshold Amount Under Section 218 for Election Workers, supported by T. Eder.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: James Endres Jr., Thomas Eder, Thomas Lauer, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat
Nays: None **MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Sale of Fire Department Vehicle
T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and accept the proposal from Burby's Diesel Repair LLC, for the total amount of \$4,462.00, to purchase for salvage and parts the U-1 2006 Ford F350 utility vehicle as follows: \$2,500.00 to be paid to the Township and forgiveness of both Invoice #1482 in the amount of \$1,512.00 and \$450.00 for diagnostic services and to remove emergency equipment to be returned to the Fire Department, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Firefighter Annual Physicals
S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the quote from Bio-Care, in an amount not to exceed \$12,953.00, for onsite annual firefighter physicals for 26 firefighters, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Mutual Aid Request of Clay Township Fire Department RE Annual Raft Off
T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and authorize the Fire Department to assist the Clay Township Fire Department at the Annual Raft Off on Big Muskamoot Bay on August 8, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with airboat and personnel, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

M-3 Industrial Leasing LLC Site Plan Application (PC 26-472)
T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission for Case PC 26-472 and approve the Revised Site Plan for an addition to an existing building at 9285 Marine City Highway, dated 07/17/2026 and prepared by KEM-TEC Professional Engineering, Surveying & Environmental Services, as presented, which Revised Site Plan was reviewed and signed-off by the Township Planner and Planning Commission Liaison to include the revisions cited by the Planning Commission, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Fire Department Boat Repair

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the quote from Schneider's Motorsports & Marine, in an amount not to exceed \$6,400.00, to repair the Boston Whaler, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Request for Sewer Relief - 8285 Waterworks Drive

T. Lauer moved to table this matter to obtain more information from the property owner, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

New Utility Vehicle for Fire Department

J. Corbat moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and authorize Supervisor Endres and Fire Chief Wolschon to negotiate the purchase of a new utility vehicle for the Fire Department, for a sum not to exceed \$60,000.00, which will be a General Fund appropriation with reimbursement from the Fire Department Millage the terms of which to be determined by future Board action, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

JULY 2026 REPORTS:

Police Run Report

Building Department Permits

Code Enforcement Report

DPS Superintendent

- Staff working on general maintenance throughout Township;
- Building shelter has been moved and clean-up to be completed;
- Update on Water Department Cybersecurity; scheduled on-site visit for vulnerability assessment;
- M-29 Reconstruction update;

Parks & Recreation Director Reports

- Letters ready to send to bidders of Treehouse RFP;
- Will be setting up first meeting with Rowe including survey;

Fire Chief Report

- 94 runs in July;
- Immaculate Conception Festival events went very well;

Supervisor

- Attended a workshop with EDA and MEDC on July 8, 2026 which was very informative and have already referred a Township business to the EDA for assistance;
- Attended a Zoom meeting with staff and MDOT on July 23, 2026 for the M-29 reconstruction project; the project will be out for bid in 2027 with the 2-phase construction scheduled for 2028 and 2029; 3-lanes to be constructed from Marsack Creek to Palms Road;
- A pre-application meeting with purchasers of the Broadbridge School has been scheduled;
- Plan to attend a meeting on August 21, 2026 hosted by the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners and SEMCOG to discuss the County's role in economic development in St. Clair County;
- Hopefully the millage passes tomorrow;

Clerk

- September Board meeting will be held Wednesday, September 2, 2026 instead of Monday, September 7, 2026 which is Labor Day;
- Primary Election tomorrow; remember to vote;

Treasurer

- Bank Balances;
- Water and Sewer Adjustments;
- Work is being done at the library on the stairs and railing;
- Attended meetings at the library on various issues;

BILLS AND DISBURSEMENTS:

S. Ruhlman moved to pay bills totaling \$992,355.36 and affirm Tax Account disbursements of \$386,206.67 and Trust and Agency disbursements of \$7,053.15 for total bills and disbursements of \$1,385,615.18, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

REG General Government	\$114,588.65
REG Fire Fund	\$96,508.75
REG Water/Sewer Fund	\$776,323.42
ACH General Government	\$3,365.55
ACH Fire Fund	\$1,312.83
ACH Water/Sewer Fund	\$256.16
Total Bills	\$992,355.36
Tax Account	\$386,206.67
Trust & Agency	\$7,053.15
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ALL ACCOUNTS	\$1,385,615.18

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Kott advised he noticed potholes starting on Broadbridge Road which may need repair and also had questions about road maintenance in the Broadbridge Subdivision;

Charlie Bird asked for update on situation with the Island Grill;

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk