

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

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

Board members absent: Thomas Lauer and Thomas Eder

**MINUTES:**

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 8/3/26 regular meeting, as presented, supported by J. Endres Jr.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce 2026 State of Our Community  
EDA of St. Clair County 2026 Annual Meeting

St. Clair County MTA Chapter Fall Meeting

Acknowledged and filed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ira & Clay Interceptor Lining Project Application for Payment #4

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Township Engineer and approve Application for Payment #4 to DVM Utilities, Inc., in the amount of \$394,819.62, for the Ira & Clay Sewer Interceptor Lining Project with Ira Township and Clay Township each being responsible for 50% of the remainder cost of the project pursuant to a Cost Share Agreement pursuant to which Ira Township will pay \$197,409.81 as its share for Payment #4, and authorize the Supervisor to execute documents related thereto on behalf of the Township, supported by J. Endres Jr.

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

Request for Sewer Relief - 8285 Waterworks Drive

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and grant relief to the property owner at 8285 Waterworks Drive by providing a credit, in the amount of \$1,563.03, for the sewer portion of the utility charges for the billing period including May, June and July, 2026, supported by J. Corbat.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Clay Police - August 2026 Additional Charges

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$1,020.00 for the month of August 2026 from the Clay Township Police Department, supported by J. Endres Jr.

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

Contingent Firefighter

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and authorize the request of Joseph Romanelli to step down from his part-time position and instead be hired as a contingent firefighter, supported by J. Endres Jr.

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

Fire Station Furniture

J. Endres Jr. moved to table this matter for more information from the Ira Firefighters Association, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Medical License Reimbursement

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and authorize that effective August 1, 2026 Fire Department personnel will be reimbursed for medical license renewal fees by submitting a request to the Fire Chief after renewal, supported by J. Endres Jr.

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

Part-time B-Shift Firefighter

J. Corbat moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve that Josh Click, who is currently a contingent firefighter, be reassigned as a part-time firefighter to fill a B-Shift vacancy, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Part-time D-Shift Firefighter

J. Endres Jr. moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve rehiring Payton Yost as a permanent part-time firefighter to fill a D-Shift vacancy, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Lift Station Controls

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve a quote from Kennedy Industries, in the amount of \$11,555.00, to replace lift station controls and install a monitoring system at the Swan Creek lift station, supported by J. Endres, Jr.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Generator Service Contract

J. Endres Jr. moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve a quote from Wolverine Power Systems, for 3-year Planned Maintenance Agreement to service two (2) Township generators located at the Water Plant and Fire Department, for the total contract amount of \$22,215.00, with annual allocation of \$4,936.67 from the Water Fund and \$2,468.33 to be split 75% from the Fire Fund and 25% from the General Fund, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Vactor Truck Rental

J. Endres Jr. moved to table this matter for further review, at the request of the DPS Superintendent, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

John Deere Skid Steer and Attachments

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve a quote from AIS Construction Equipment, in the amount of \$136,786.34, to purchase a John Deere 333P Skid Steer and Attachments, the cost to be split equally between the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund, supported by J. Endres, Jr.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Neighbors United #Walk for the Red Event

J. Endres Jr. moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief to authorize use of Engine 2 and two firefighters to participate in the Neighbors United #Walk for the Red event to be held at the Macomb Township Station 2 on September 10, 2026 as presented, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**AUGUST 2026 REPORTS:**

Police Run Report

Building Department Permits

Code Enforcement Report

DPS Superintendent (no report)

Parks & Recreation Director Reports

- The Skid Steer purchase to be used to redo the walking path in the Municipal Park;
- County crew will be at the Township several weekends this month; weather has not been cooperating;
- Considering a portable restroom for Music in the Park events;
- No Parking signs to be up in the parks;

Fire Chief Report

- 63 runs in August;
- Update on utility vehicles;
- Firefighter physicals completed today;
- Food Drive opportunity will be brought to the Board; working with Anchor Bay Lions and Ira Fire Association for a winter event;

Supervisor

- On August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 attended a pre-application meeting with the new owners of the Broadbridge School;
- On August 21, 2026 attended a county meeting RE EDA and chaired by David Struck of SEMCOG;
- Southwater Authority audit is complete, and accounting firm has been hired;

Clerk

- Attending a Clerk's meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> hosted by Mussey Township;
- County-sponsored election training will be held here at the Township on September 24<sup>th</sup>;
- The electronic sign is now fixed and working properly;

Treasurer

- Bank Balances;
- Water and Sewer Adjustments;
- Building Department Adjustments;

**BILLS AND DISBURSEMENTS:**

S. Ruhlman moved to pay bills totaling \$382,281.50 and affirm \$1,563,777.45 in Tax Account disbursements and Trust and Agency disbursements of \$21,966.54 for total bills and disbursements of \$1,968,025.49, supported by J. Endres Jr.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

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| REG General Government           | \$61,254.87    |
| REG Fire Fund                    | \$33,706.96    |
| REG Police Fund                  | \$34,155.00    |
| REG Water/Sewer Fund             | \$249,247.94   |
| ACH General Government           | \$2,368.78     |
| ACH Fire Fund                    | \$1,001.85     |
| ACH Water/Sewer Fund             | \$546.10       |
| Total Bills                      | \$382,281.50   |
| Tax Account                      | \$1,563,777.45 |
| Trust & Agency                   | \$21,966.54    |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ALL ACCOUNTS | \$1,968,025.49 |

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Charlie Bird advised that noise and fence issues have not been resolved at the Island Grill;

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss, J. Endres Jr. moved, with the support of S. Ruhlman, to close the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jean Corbat, Clerk