

**IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 3, 2020**

The Meeting of the Ida Township Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Members present were Supervisor Paul Metz, Clerk Tera Shaffer, Treasurer Sherry Hilken, Trustees Elmer Bowman and Randy Stanifer. Also, in attendance was Blight Officer MaryAnne Ortman, Building Inspector Dave Friend & Librarian Suzanne Krueger.

**Public Comment:**

Logan Tisdale introduced himself. He is running for Monroe County Sherriff.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda with the changes of discussing 6.C first in the new business and adding the dust control contracts was made by T. Shaffer with support by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the Township Board Meeting held February 4, 2020 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by S. Hilken with support by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

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**Building Department:** The Building Department Report was presented by Dave Friend. There were 13 permits for a total of \$1395.75. There were not any new home builds this month.

**Fire Department Report:** The Fire Department report was presented by Fire Chief, Kirt Horn. 23 calls were made in Ida, 15 calls in Raisinville. There was a total of 38 total calls this month.

Chief Horn shared his research on a new Fire Truck. The Fire Department presented to the board the idea of purchasing a new Fire Truck. Engine 3 needs to be replaced.

Chief Horn would like to put half down on the purchase of a new Fire Truck out of the Fire Savings Fund and finance the rest at an interest rate of 2.8%. The final numbers will be presented in the next few months. Rescue 1 is also presenting problems. The Fire Department is estimating \$60,000 will be needed to replace Rescue 1. There is no immediate action taking place with Rescue 1.

**Clerk Report**

The Clerk reported that she went to Ida High School on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> to speak with all the high school seniors about registering to vote. The Clerk registered 38 new voters.

The Clerk reported the following budget adjustment: Credit the Assessor Miscellaneous Account \$750 & Debit the Contingency Account \$750. Motion made by R. Stanifer to make the budget adjustment with support from E. Bowman. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the bills for review. P. Metz made a motion to pay the bills with support from S. Hilken. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. S. Hilken: yes. R. Stanifer: yes. E. Bowman: yes.

**Treasurer Report**

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer S. Hilken. R. Stanifer made a motion to accept the report with support from E. Bowman. Motion carried.

**Trustee Repot**

R. Stanifer mentioned that he was still researching the sign for the library/township hall.

**Supervisor Report**

P. Metz is working on a quote for the sidewalk cut.

There has not been any other bids for the parking lot. If anyone else wants to get a quote, please do so.

P. Metz recommends to the board to consider hiring 2 new township employees to cover the daytime fire shifts and pay it out of the general fund. This would cost the township approximately \$70,000. This conversation was tabled until we adopt a new Fund Balance Policy.

**Blight Officer Report:** The Blight report was presented by Blight Officer Mary Anne Ortman. There was a discussion about a Lewis Ave. complaint.

**Library Report:** The library report was distributed and reviewed by the Board.

S. Krueger received multiple quotes for a sign for outside the Library and Township. \$12,980 is the bid that was recommended by S. Hilken and S. Krueger. There is an ordinance that would prohibit a digital sign. There was a discussion about if that was permissible.

S. Krueger presented to the board that the library would pay \$10,000 and would ask the Township to consider paying for the remainder.

A motion was made by R. Stanifer to approve the Township to pay the remaining balance of the sign, in the amount of \$2,980, pending the zoning admin and building inspectors approval, with support from S. Hilken. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

T. Shaffer presented her research on the Fund Balance Policy as well as the current status of the Township finances.

There was a discussion about the upcoming projects. T. Shaffer would like us to consider adopting a 6 month road balance. T. Shaffer will work on creating a new fund balance policy.

There was a discussion about the wording for the Fire Millage on the August Primary

There was a discussion about the ballot wording for the Headlee rollback. P. Metz is going to call the lawyer to clarify the wording. The board will need to vote on this in April.

P. Metz made a request to approve a pension withdrawal. T. Shaffer made a motion to approve the pension withdrawal with support from R. Stanifer. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. S. Hilken: yes. R. Stanifer: yes. E. Bowman: yes.

Dust control contracts were presented in the amount of \$58,125. P. Metz made a motion to approve the Dust control contracts in the amount of \$58,125 with support from T. Shaffer. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. S. Hilken: yes. R. Stanifer: yes. E. Bowman: yes.

**Old Business:**

Fireman dayshift conversation will continue.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by P. Metz with support by R. Stanifer. Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tera Shaffer, Ida Township Clerk