

IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
February 4, 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 and Building Inspector Dave Friend.

Public Comment:

There was a question and discussion about cleaning off Ida West Road. There was a question and discussion about taxing stone driveways. Paul Metz will follow up with the Ida Township Assessor, Pam Brooks.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda as written was made by Sherry Hilken with support by Paul Metz. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Township Board Meeting held January 7, 2020 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by R. Stanifer with support by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Township Board Special Meeting on January 14, 2020 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by S. Hilken with support from P. Metz. Motion carried.

Building Department: The Building Department Report was presented by Dave Friend. There were 15 permits for a total of \$2,393.50. There were not any new home builds this month.

Fire Department Report: The Fire Department report was distributed and reviewed by the Board. Four Firemen taught CPR training. There is another CPR training, public is welcome on February 22, 2020. The flyers have been posted. 24 calls were made in Ida, 15 calls in Raisinville, 1 call in Monroe, and 1 call in Petersburg. There were a total of 45 total calls this month.

Clerk Report

The Clerk reported that all required training for election accreditation has been completed. T. Shaffer is now certified to manage the elections for this year. The Clerk reported that there are 7 new election inspectors going through the County training. The Clerk will be going to Ida High School later this month to do a voter registration drive.

The Clerk reported the following budget adjustment: Credit the Sewer Debt Principal Account \$3,514.50 & Debit the Sewer Repair & Maintenance Account \$3,514.50. Motion made by P. Metz to make the budget adjustment with support from S. Hilken. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the bills for review. There was a discussion about the Generators Plus bill for the Fire Dept. P. Metz made a motion to pay the bills 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.

Treasurer Report

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

The annual fire extinguisher inspection was conducted. There was a discussion about the missing fire extinguisher. It will be replaced.

Trustee Report

E. Bowman reported on road work being done. R. Stanifer presented research about the sign for the Township Hall.

Supervisor Report

P. Metz discussed a letter sent to Senator Zorn about road work. P. Metz presented the estimated costs of the road culvert replacement projects. There was a discussion about who has responsibility for these payments.

Blight Officer Report: The Blight report was presented by Blight Officer Mary Anne Ortman. There was a discussion about the current blight complaints.

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

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New Business:

A discussion about Township Officials attending the MTA Convention was held. Both the Treasurer and Clerk would like to attend. R. Stanifer made a motion to send the two Township employees to the Convention with support from P. Metz. Motion carried.

Friends of the Ida Library requested to use the grassy strip of Township property north of the Township Hall, near the catalpa tree on May 16, 2020. E. Bowman made a motion to allow the Friends of Ida Library to use the Township property on May 16, 2020 with support from P. Metz. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission presented a Solar Energy Draft Ordinance to the Board for discussion. The Planning Commission specifically asked if the Township Board wanted to address any bonding or setting fees that should be included.

The quote for the previously discussed road project was presented for Wells Road. The cost will be shared with Summerfield Township for Wells Road. 2" aggregate lift for 1.5 miles, Rauch to Tunncliffe, is \$14,025. E. Bowman made a motion to pay for the Ida Township portion of the road project for \$14,025 with support from T. Shaffer. A roll call vote was taken: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. S. Hilken: yes. R. Stanifer: yes. E. Bowman: yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Bureau of Elections approved the grant request to pay for 50% of the AVCB tabulator. The grand total of the machine is \$5,295. The township portion will be \$2,647.50. E. Bowman made a motion to pay for 50% of the tabulator cost with support from R. Stanifer. A roll call vote was taken: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. S. Hilken: yes. R. Stanifer: yes. E. Bowman: yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held about purchasing new computers. R. Stanifer made a motion to purchase and install the two new computers with support from E. Bowman. A roll call vote was taken: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. S. Hilken: yes. R. Stanifer: yes. E. Bowman: yes. Motion carried.

The Boy Scout building repairs continue. This will now be taken off the agenda.

Fireman dayshift conversation will continue.

Parking lot paving was discussed. The quote that was received is good until May 1, 2020. The Board requested more bids on the project.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by S. Hilken with support by T. Shaffer. Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tera Shaffer, Ida Township Clerk