

IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
June 2, 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 and Treasurer Sherry Hilkens, and Trustees Elmer Bowman and Tim Mata. Also, in attendance were Fire Chief Kirt Horn, Librarian Suzanne Krueger and Building Inspector Dave Friend.

A Motion to Call to Order the Budget Public Hearing for 2020/2021 Budget was made by T. Shaffer with support by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Public Comment: There was a discussion about budgeting for the Library sign.

Discussion was held regarding the 2020-2019 Proposed Budget effective 07-01-2020. After discussion, a motion to approve the Budget as proposed was made by E. Bowman with support from P. Metz. A roll call vote was taken as follows: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. S. Hilkens: yes. E. Bowman: yes. T. Mata: yes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the Budget Public Hearing was made by S. Hilkens with support from T. Mata. The hearing was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

A motion was made by E. Bowman with support from P. Metz to open the Regular Township Board Meeting at 7:09 p.m. Motion Carried.

Public Comment:
No public comment.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda was made by S. Hilkens with support by T. Mata. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Township Board Meeting held May 5, 2020 and Special Meeting on May 12, 2020 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by T. Shaffer with support by T. Mata. Motion carried.

Building Department: The Building Department Report was presented by Dave Friend. There were 6 permits for a total of \$619.75. There were no new home builds this month.

Fire Department Report: The Fire Department report was presented by Fire Chief, Kirt Horn. 20 calls were made in Ida, 11 calls in Rainsville, 2 in Bedford, 1 in LMR and 3 in Monroe Township. There was a total of 37 calls this month. There have been 183 calls this year so far. 62% of the calls made to the Fire Department this year were made during the day time hours.

There was a discussion about replacing Rescue 1 Fire Truck. The quote was for \$63,848. E. Bowman made a motion to replace the Rescue 1 vehicle at the total cost of \$63,848 with support from P. Metz. A roll call vote was taken as follows: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. S. Hilkens: yes. E. Bowman: yes. T. Mata: yes.

There was a discussion about who signs the paperwork for the new vehicles. P. Metz made a motion to give Ron Eby permission to deal with all paperwork in the sale of the vehicle and purchase of the vehicle for the Fire Department with support from T. Mata. All in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk Report

P. Metz made a motion to make the budget adjustments as presented with support from S. Hilkens. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. S. Hilkens: yes. E. Bowman: yes. T. Mata: yes.

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

Treasurer Report

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

Trustee Report

E. Bowman reported on road work that is being done in the Township.

T. Mata thanked the Board for the appointment and shared how thankful he is for the opportunity to serve.

Supervisor Report

P. Metz filled and fixed the hole in the parking lot.

P. Metz reported on road work being done and roads that need attention.

There was a discussion about putting a ramp on the front sidewalk out front of the Township Building.

There was a discussion on how fire fighters are paid on call. T. Shaffer will write a resolution to be voted on saying the salaries are split 50/50 with Township General Fund and Fire Fighter Fund.

Blight Officer Report

There was not a blight report.

Library Report

S. Krueger reported that the Library will open on Monday for curbside pick-up. There will be reduced hours. Cleaning will need to be resumed for the Library. The bathrooms will be closed to the public until July 7th.

New Business:

Jason Orton, David Chapman Insurance Representative presented the insurance review.

The Consent Agenda for 2020-2021 was reviewed. The Board appointed the Clerk, Tera Shaffer, as the FOIA Coordinator. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by P. Metz with support by T. Shaffer. Motion carried.

The 2020/2021 Meeting Dates were reviewed. A motion to approve the 2020-2021 Meeting Dates was made by E. Bowman with support by P. Metz. Motion carried.

With the stay at home orders lifted from the Governor, the Township Board discussed the re-opening of Ida Township Hall starting June 3, 2020. The Community Room will remain closed until further notice. S. Hilken will post signs.

MTA annual dues were reviewed. T. Shaffer made a motion to pay \$3,870.78 for the Township dues with support from P. Metz. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. S. Hilken: yes. E. Bowman: yes. T. Mata: yes.

Sewer payment increase was discussed. P. Metz made a motion to increase the sewer payments by \$5 per bill with a letter to residence, with support from T. Shaffer. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. S. Hilken: yes. E. Bowman: yes. T. Mata: yes.

Old Business:

The credit card policy was reviewed.

There was a discussion on changing pension plan advisors. The board decided to stay with the current pension advisors.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by E. Bowman with support by T. Shaffer. Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tera Shaffer, Ida Township Clerk