

IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
September 1, 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 was the Building Inspector, Dave Friend.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Agenda: T. Shaffer asked to move the budget adjustment from New Business to The Clerk's Report. A motion to approve the Agenda with the moving of the budget adjustment to the Clerk's Report was made by P. Metz with support by T. Mata. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Township Board Meeting held August 5, 2020 were reviewed. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by P. Metz with support by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Building Department: The Building Department Report was presented by Dave Friend. There were 27 permits for a total of \$3627. There were no new home builds this month.

Zoning Department: None

Fire Department Report: The Fire Department report was reviewed. 20 calls were made in Ida, 19 calls in Rainsville. There was a total of 39 calls this month. There have been 306 calls made for the year so far.

K. Horn presented the new fire truck which the Fire Department wishes to purchase. There was a discussion about purchasing the new fire truck. E. Bowman made a motion to purchase the Fire Truck at the amount of \$380,839.26 with support with 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.

Clerk Report

The Clerk reported on the Township Financial Audit. P. Metz made a motion to accept the Audit with support from E. Bowman. 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 budget adjustments for each fund. A budget adjustment of +\$206,191.46 was made to the Fire Fund Revenue, as a result of the August 4, 2020 millage approval. A budget adjustment of +\$30,000 from the General Fund to the Fire Fund was made. A budget adjustment: +\$1,984.31 to the Insurance, Bonds and Fringes line item and -\$1,984.31 was taken from the Contingency. S. Hilkens made a motion to approve the budget adjustments with support from T.Mata. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. S. Hilkens: yes. E. Bowman: yes. T. Mata: yes.

P. Metz made a motion to pay the bills 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 a Report on the Township Finances and went over a summary of the road work that was done and paid for.

Amy Stone requested to put up teal ribbons in Ida like in years past. The Board approved the teal ribbons.

Treasurer Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer, S. Hilkens. T. Shaffer made a motion to accept the Report with support from T. Mata. Motion carried.

Trustee Report

E. Bowman reported on our meeting with the Road Commission on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020.

Supervisor Report

P. Metz reported about road work done after his request to the Road Commission on Thursday. There was a discussion on road work to be done next year.

The parking lot will be painted on Thursday.

P. Metz and Sheila Myers interviewed two candidates for the Township Assessor Position. P. Metz recommended to the Board to hire Lewis Smith as the new Assessor for a one year contract. The Board reviewed Mr. Smith's resume. T. Shaffer made the motion to hire Lewis Smith with support from T. Mata. Motion carried on a roll call vote: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. S. Hilken: yes. E. Bowman: yes. T. Mata: yes.

Blight Officer Report

The Blight report was reviewed.

New Business:

T. Shaffer discussed the need for a solicitor permit in Ida Township. An example from Bedford Township was presented. This will be reviewed at a later date.

There was a discussion on the Zoning Administrator's role and pay. The Zoning Administrator will be paid an hourly rate of \$16.60 an hour for all zoning work and inspections.

T. Shaffer displayed the Drop Box that was given to the Township by the State of Michigan for Absentee Ballots. The Board discussed where to put the Drop Box. Cameras will also be installed for protection against potential harm.

Old Business:

P. Metz made a motion to accept the bid from Rawlings Heating and Cooling to replace the air conditioner at the amount of \$4,900 with support from T. Shaffer. Motion carried on a roll call vote: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. S. Hilken: yes. E. Bowman: yes. T. Mata: yes.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by E. Bowman with support by S. Hilken. Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tera Shaffer, Ida Township Clerk