

IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
August 3, 2021

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 Kelly Elmer and Trustee Tim Mata. Also in attendance were Building Inspector Dave Friend and Fire Chief Kirt Horn.

Public Comment: A resident brought up a problem with stray and feral cats in the downtown Ida area, she is looking for ways to raise money to have the cats fixed and rehomed.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda with item I, which was a duplicate issue replaced with Inspector Policy and the removal of item K was made by K. Elmer with support by T. Mata. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Township Board Meeting held July 6, 2021 were reviewed. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by T. Mata with support by C. Curry. Motion carried. The Minutes of the Special Meeting on July 19, 2021 were reviewed. A motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting was made by T. Shaffer with support by K. Elmer. Motion carried.

Building Department: The Building Department Report was presented by Dave Friend. There were 16 permits issued for a total of \$3723.75. There were 2 new home builds in the month of June.

Zoning Department: D. Friend reported that the Mudge project is almost done and the Babeaux project should start in about a month.

Fire Department Report: The Fire Department report was reviewed. In July 24 calls were made in Ida, 21 calls in Raisinville, 1 call in Dundee and 1 call in Monroe for a total of 48 calls. There have been 341 calls so far this year. Chief Horn reported that he would like to have part time firefighters at the station between 8am-5pm by October 1, 2021.

Clerk Report

The bills were reviewed. T. Mata made a motion to pay the bills and make budget adjustments with support from C. Curry. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes T. Shaffer: yes K. Elmer: yes T. Mata: yes.

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
230-536-930-00	Sewer Maintenance	+ \$49,000
249-371-965-00	BS&A Software	+ \$40

T. Shaffer reported that the audit has been completed on the Township's side and we are waiting for the report from the Auditors.

It was reported that Ida Schools will be bringing a bond to the ballot for the November election.

It was reported that all applications have been filled out for the American Rescue Act.

Treasurer Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. T. Shaffer made a motion to accept the Report with support from T. Mata. Motion carried.

K. Elmer reported that Karen, the township custodian would like to rent equipment to clean carpets, bathroom floors and windows. T. Shaffer made a motion to allow Karen to get quotes for equipment and for her time to do extra cleaning with support from T. Mata. Motion carried.

Trustee Report

None.

Supervisor Report

P. Metz reported that chip & seal will take place on Kruse Rd.

It was reported that it will be mid- September before the new pump parts come in.

There will be a road meeting at the Road Commission on August 16, 2021 at 11am.

Blight Officer Report The blight report was reviewed.

Library Report S. Krueger gave the library report. There were 786 books checked out in June and 77 residents used the library computers. There will be a flu shot clinic on September 27, 2021.

Old Business:

It was reported that the garage sale ordinance does not need to go through the Zoning Board. The ordinance draft will be reviewed by the board and voted on at the September meeting.

P. Metz will look into tree species and prices to plant in the park.

New Business:

The Board signed the MTA Principles of Government.

P. Metz made a motion to accept the resignation of the Ordinance Enforcement Officer effective August 10, 2021 with support from C. Curry. Motion carried.

P. Metz made a motion to support the Monroe Conservation District with a \$750 donation with support from T. Shaffer. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes T. Shaffer: yes K. Elmer: yes T. Mata: yes.

T. Shaffer reported that the election equipment was scheduled to be cleaned, a cease and desist letter from a law firm was issued to all Michigan townships to stop cleanings. Monroe County Clerks will meet to discuss a future cleaning and MTA lawyers will be contacted.

P. Metz made a motion to take the final balance of the water district fund of \$187,669.45 and return the surplus from the water bond to the water district residents in the approximate amount of \$137,000.00 with \$30,000 of the remaining funds to go to the roof fund and the balance will go into the general fund with support from T. Mata. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes T. Shaffer: yes K. Elmer: yes T. Mata: yes.

C. Curry made a motion to adopt the Ida Township Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy with support from K. Elmer. . Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes T. Shaffer: yes K. Elmer: yes T. Mata: yes.

There was a discussion about the Assessing position at the township. P. Metz will talk with Lewis Smith to try to extend his contract through March so that he is able to sign the Roll.

T. Mata made a motion to make a policy to require the mechanical, electrical and plumbing inspectors to turn in their reports quarterly and to be paid 90% of permit fees with support from C. Curry. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes T. Shaffer: yes K. Elmer: yes T. Mata: yes.

There was a discussion about the Township's property on Morocco Road. Paul will talk with the Assessing team to determine the value.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by T. Mata with support by C. Curry. Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tera Shaffer, Ida Township Clerk