

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, Trustee Tim Mata and Trustee Chris Curry. Also in attendance were Building Inspector Dave Friend and Fire Chief Kirt Horn.

Public Comment: Residents voiced their opinions on Solar Energy.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda as written was made by K. Elmer with support by T. Mata. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Township Board Meeting held August 3, 2021 were reviewed. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by P. Metz with support by K. Elmer. Motion carried. The Minutes of the Special Meeting on August 26, 2021 were reviewed. A motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting was made by T. Mata with support by C. Curry. Motion carried.

Building Department: The Building Department Report was presented by Dave Friend. There were 26 permits issued for a total of \$5640.48. There were 2 new home builds in the month of August.

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 August 39 calls were made in Ida, 21 calls in Raisinville, 3 call in Dundee and 3 calls in Monroe and 2 calls in Monroe for a total of 68 calls. There have been 414 calls so far this year. Chief Horn reported that the new engine has moved to the Build Bay.

Clerk Report

The bills were reviewed. P, Metz made a motion to pay the bills 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. C. Curry: yes T. Shaffer reported that the election equipment was maintained without removal of the battery. It was reported that there has been no update in the unemployment penalty status, it is still under protest. It was reported that all applications have been filled out for the American Rescue Act, our status is pending. Money should be received within three weeks as long as there are no issues with the application.

Treasurer Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. P. Metz made a motion to accept the Report with support from T. Shaffer. Motion carried. K. Elmer reported that 2/3 of the checks from the water fund have cleared.

Trustee Report

T. Mata reported that he had completed the two work orders from Suzanne (Librarian). It was reported that starting September 13, 2021 Ida Center will be shut down between Geiger and Lewis Ave. for drain work.

Supervisor Report

P. Metz reported that we would be unable to add steps within the Township leading to the attic space. It was reported that MCRC is working on 2022 contracts. P. Metz reported that he got a quote to trim the trees in the park. T. Mata made a motion to hire All Season Tree Care to trim the trees in the park at a cost not to exceed \$1950 with support by T. Shaffer. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes T. Shaffer: yes K. Elmer: yes T. Mata: yes. C. Curry: yes

Blight Officer Report The blight report was reviewed. P. Metz reported that there were six applicants for the Blight Officer position. P. Metz will meet with them and the Board will vote on a new hire in October.

Library Report The library report was reviewed.

Old Business:

The Garage Sale Ordinance was reviewed. T. Mata made a motion to approve the Ordinance 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. C. Curry: no

P. Metz will look into plaques for memorial trees in the park. There was a discussion on purchasing silver maples for the park. P. Metz made a motion to buy 10 silver maples for the park at the price of \$205 per tree 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: yes

New Business:

T. Shaffer made a motion to combine precincts for the November 2, 2021 election with support from T. Mata. Motion passed.

Community room use will be tabled to clean up language on the policy.

P. Metz made a motion to approve the Water Agreement with support from T. Mata. Motion passed.

The township will contact a Labor Lawyer to see about proceeding with daytime firefighters.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by K. Elmer with support by C. Curry. Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tera Shaffer, Ida Township Clerk