

IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
October 5, 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 was Fire Chief Kirt Horn.

Public Comment: Sheriff Troy Goodnough gave an update on crime statistics this year compared to last year. Sheriff Goodnough stated that his goal is to reduce response times.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of 7D: Moratorium on Solar and 7E: Westshore Siren Repair was made by T. Shaffer with support by C. Curry. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Township Board Meeting held September 7, 2021 were reviewed. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by K. Elmer with support by T. Mata. Motion carried.

Building Department: The Building Department Report was reviewed. There were 35 permits issued in September for a total of \$4133.50.

Zoning Department: None

Fire Department Report: The Fire Department report was reviewed. In September 35 calls were made in Ida, 14 calls in Raisinville, 1 call in Dundee and 1 call in Monroe for a total of 51 calls. There have been 465 calls so far this year.

Chief Horn reported that the new engine should be ready in November. The labor lawyer will offer opinions on part-time firefighters that should not jeopardize their volunteer status. Chief Horn also reported that the fire station needs repairs in the near future.

Clerk Report

The bills were reviewed. P, Metz made a motion to pay the bills 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: yes

T. Shaffer reported that 536 Absentee Ballots have been sent out and 162 have been returned. American Rescue Act application has been resubmitted with corrected signatures. There has been no change in the pending Unemployment status. T. Shaffer reminded the Board that the November meeting will be on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 due to the Election.

Treasurer Report

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

K. Elmer reported that 25 of the checks from the water fund have not yet cleared.

Trustee Report

None

Supervisor Report

P. Metz reported that the Drain Commission is waiting on the main panel to start work at the pump station. P. Metz also mentioned that he would like to host a town meeting on Solar Energy on Thursday October 28, 2021.

Blight Officer Report None

Library Report Librarian, Suzanne Krueger, reported that there were 1,794 items borrowed, a 75% increase over last year. 102 people used the public computers and 66 people used Wi-Fi in the branch. There are several events happening in October.

Old Business:

The Community Room Policy was reviewed. T. Mata made a motion to approve the Policy with support from P. Metz. 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:

Trick-or-Treating in Ida Township will be October 31, 2021 from 6pm-8pm.

P. Metz made a motion to hire Tim DUBY as the Ida Township Blight Inspector and to allow him to spend up to \$150 on a badge 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

P. Metz made a motion to spend \$500 toward children's chairs for the library with support from C. Curry. Motion carried.

The Board will proceed with preparing a Moratorium on solar energy in the Township.

P. Metz made a motion to spend up to \$1500.00 to repair the Westshore Siren 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

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by C. Curry with support by T. Mata. Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tera Shaffer, Ida Township Clerk