

IRVING TOWNSHIP

EST. 1839

Board Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 PM.

In attendance were board members Dean Bass, Mike Buehler, Jamie Knight, Lynnette Wingeier with Sharon Olson absent. Also in attendance were Jon Smelker, Chief Randy Eaton, Mike Bremer, and Jim Wicham.

Knight made motion to approve the agenda the additional agenda item under New Business” to discuss the Irving Township Cemetery. Buehler 2nd. All “yes” votes. Motion passed.

Reports were given: (Knight) BIRCH Fire and Freeport Fire; (Chief Randy Eaton) Thornapple Fire; (Knight) assessor; (Smelker) Barry County Commissioners.

No public input.

Knight made motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Buehler. Motion passed all “yes” votes.

Wingeier gave the treasurer’s report and made a motion to increase cost center 101-299-956 “administration miscellaneous” to support the \$10,000 expenditure for the Freeport Community Center roof. Buehler seconded. Roll call vote all “yes” and motion passed.

Jim Wicham gave cemetery report and placed a proposed 2019/2020 budget on file to be considered at the budget workshop. In addition, Jim discussed options with John Seeber on his willingness to sell approximately 3 acres that adjoins the Irving Township cemetery for future expansion. Seeber acknowledged he would sell at the same rate a developer would pay. Knight had a conversation with the assessor and he concluded this property would be excess land (without road frontage) and valued around \$5,000 to \$7,000 per acre. More discussion will take place at the upcoming budget workshop.

Knight made motion to pay the bills \$13,582.77. Bass seconded. Roll call vote: Buehler yes; Knight yes; Bass yes; Wingeier yes. Motion passed.

Thornapple Township supervisor Mike Bremer presented the April 1st, 2019 through March 31st, 2024 Thornapple Fire–Rescue Services Contract. Bass made motion we accept the Thornapple contract contingent on Thornapple Township Board’s approval of the contract at their regularly scheduled January meeting. Knight seconded. Roll call vote: Buehler yes; Knight yes; Bass yes; Wingeier yes. Motion passed.

Knight made motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Buehler seconded. All “yes” votes. Motion passed.