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**December 11, 2019 Irving Township Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order with pledge of allegiance at 6:30 pm

Present were Board Members Dean Bass, Mike Buehler, Jamie Knight, Sharon Olson and Lynnette Wingeier. Also present were Jon Smelker and Lani Forbes

Motion was made by Knight for Approval of the agenda. Seconded by Buehler. All “Yes” vote.

Motion Passed.

Reports:

Fire Reports for Thornapple and Birch Departments were read by Knight, Lani Forbes gave the report for Freeport. Freeport Fire Dept will have visits from Santa in the fire truck on December 21st. Call (616) 275-0045 for more information on a visit from Santa.

Commissioners report: was given by Smelker

Cemetery Sexton: One internment this month

Assessors: Read by Knight

Public Input: December 18th Freeport will have the Holly Trolley from 6-8pm and there will be Cocoa and selfies with Santa.

Clerk’s minutes –Knight made the motion to approve the minutes from November 13, 2019. Seconded by Buehler. All “Yes” vote. Motion Passed.

Treasurer’s report was given by Wingeier.

Pay bills: Knight made the motion to pay bills in the amount of 3,213.74. Seconded by Bass.

Roll call vote was taken and was unanimously “Yes”. Motion Passed.

Board Members Comments:

Bass reported on the Birch Fire Department board meeting that the board voted on increasing the amount of equipment replacement funds requested from the townships be increased from $5,000 over the next 5 years to $10,000 over the next 5 years.

Buehler reported on the ongoing problem of water over the roadway on Sisson.

Olson reported on the additional Election next year in March for the Presidential Primary and relayed to the board that other Townships are compensating the Clerks for the additional election with a special per diem that is reimbursable as an election expense and not a cost to the township.

Olson reported on the additional workload of the new rules governing Absent Voting and that other Township Clerks will be asking for additional compensation for the additional work.

New Business

Wingeier made the motion to approve the purchase of a display case for the exterior of the building not to exceed $800.00. Seconed by Buehler. Roll call vote was unanimously “Yes”. Motion Passed.

Upcoming Dates:

December 18, 2019 Holly Trolley in Freeport 6-8pm

December 21, 2019 Freeport Fire Dept Visits from Santa (616) 275-0045

January 8, 2020 Road Commission Meeting 1:00pm at the Barry County Road Commission Building.

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