**IRVING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

**3425 WING RD HASTINGS, MICHIGAN APRIL 20, 2021 6:30 PM**

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

Present were 5 members of the board and 5 from the public.

**Motion** for Approval of agenda by Jamie Knight and seconded by Mike Buehler. All voted aye.

**Commissioner Jon Smelker**: The Board of Commissioner’s Settled with 3 out of 5 unions on 5-year contract. Boat purchased for marine patrol on Gun Lake. Starting Renovation/demolition on county building. 911 is moving along on building. Jon spoke with Cathryn Getty on the County Broad Band Committee on getting the fiberoptic line approved to go through Yankee Springs.

**Fire Department Reports** for Freeport, Thornapple Fire report, Hastings Fire Department reports were read.

**Summary of cemetery** property sold.

**Motion** to approve Minutes for March 10, 2021 given by Jamie Knight and seconded by Mike Buehler. All voted aye.

**Treasurer Report** presented by Alesse Cross. It has been recommended by the Michigan Township Association and the Auditors that a separate drop box be established for tax payments to ensure that only the treasurer and the deputy treasurer are handling tax payments.

**Motion** to pay bills of $6901.14 by Jamie Knight seconded by Dean Bass. Roll call vote was all “yes”.

**Board Member Comments:**

**Discussion** about where to place a new drop box. Dean Bass said people will still put payments in the wrong box. **Alesse Cross** stated the box needs to be available to place the payments. If people put the payment in the wrong box, it will not be the township’s liability on any interest payments incurred on payments placed in the wrong receptacle.

**Sharon Olson** discussed the delay on the Broad Band due to permits for DNR land access held up at State and Federal level.

**Sharon Olson –** Thank you to the Bush family for refreshing the flags in the cemeteries and collecting Veteral information for our records.

**Discussion** on the Rescue America funds.

**Barry County Road Commission proposed gravel work for 2021.**

**Motion** to approve the proposal of the Barry County Road Commission Gravel work in 2021 for $75,000.00 was offered by Jamie knight and seconded by Alesse Cross and all “yes” Roll call vote from the board.

Lorraine Bush offered public comment regarding Michigan community grant to expand broad band with a May 5, 2021 deadline.

Next meeting May 18, 2021

Motion to adjourn at 7:09PM by Jamie knight was seconded by Sharon Olson and all “aye” vote.

Proposed minutes. 4/21/2021