Irving Township Board Meeting

3425 Wing Rd, Hastings, Michigan 49058 November 16, 2021, 6:30 PM

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Dean Bass, Mike Buehler, Jamie Knight and Sharon Olson. Absent-Alesse Cross due to illness. Also present were 7 members of the public.

Motion to approve Agenda made by Knight and seconded by Buehler. All “Yes” vote. Cross – Absent.

Assessor, Hastings Fire, represented by Knight.

Freeport Fire: Lani Forbes presented Freeport Fire Department financial documents showing they are a volunteer department. She stated they are the only volunteer department in the lower Michigan.

Thornapple Fire: October 2021 calls increased 54.1% compared to October 2020. Year to date increase for 2021 33.6% compared to 2020.

Commissioner November 30, 2021, Public Meeting about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds at 7:00 PM. Location To be determined.

Cemetery Jim Wickham asked about getting markers in place for the new section.

Motion made by Buehler to approve $1000.00 for cemetery markers to plot the new section. Seconded by Bass. Roll Call Vote of “Yes” Buehler, Knight, Bass, Olson. “No” vote - none. Absent- Cross

Minutes of October 19, 2021, Motion to approve by Knight, Seconded by Buehler. All “Yes” vote.

Treasurer’s report was presented by Knight. Winter tax bills will be mailed out by November 30, 2021, and residents should start receiving them in the mail on Dec1,

Pay Bills, Motion by Knight to pay bills of $3105.16. Seconded by Bass. Roll Call Vote “Yes” Bass, Knight, Buehler, Olson. “No” vote - none. Absent-Cross.

Dan Veldhuizen from Siegfried Crandall presented the Township Audit and addressed the approved use of ARPA funds and reporting requirements.

Board Member Comments:

Olson asked for bids on fire doors and waterproofing a basement room for records.

Knight talked about continued safety concerns at the intersection of Eckert and Woodschool due to a near collision with a fire truck recently.

Knight talked about preparing for the 2022 election. Office space, additional parking, better lighting for parking areas.

Public Comment:

Jim Wickham suggested lighting for parking lot on the East side of building.

Regina Young asked about plans for the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (ARPA) funds, needs assessment, water, sewer, broadband, consulting services, Air quality of the Hall and possible installation of a heat pump and air exchange equipment. Low-income resident’s assistance with water quality. She thanked the township for the investment into the roads and commented that the roads are in good shape compared to other districts.

Lani Forbes spoke on Freeport Municipal Water Repair and the need for 800MHZ tower for police and emergency radio communication and about the County Commission formed to assist boards with ARPA funds planning.

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Meeting adjourned 7:34 PM