

DRAFT – BOARD MEETING, 03/27/2023

Irving Township Board of Trustee Meeting 03/37/2023, 2023, 6:30 PM

3425 Wing Rd, Hastings MI 49058

Present: Doug Sokolowski, Dean Bass, Jamie Knight, Sharon Olson, Mike Buehler and (13) members of public.

Knight, add ambulance contract and Auditor to Agenda.

Motion-Knight; Second Buehler, approve the Clerk's Minutes of 02/21/2023, Motion passed.

Public – Lani Forbes, presentation, SMART 911 available from app store. You can text 911 for help in Barry County. Shelly Lake, Irving Cemetery, noticed broken headstones and veteran's not all monuments readable and many need clean up. Lorraine Bush, website, update township hours, draft and approved minutes clarified.

Unfinished Business, Freeport Fire Department Board Members. Received a copy of bylaws. As a township, we do not have the ability to put anyone on the Freeport Fire Board. Freeport Fire Contract has expired. Sokolowski proposed contract update for next meeting.

Motion-Sokolowski; Second Olson, Project Manager proposal. Roll call, Sokolowski, Olson, "Yes", Buehler, Knight, Bass, "No". Motion denied.

New Business. Motion-Knight; Second Buehler, approve Meeting Dates – 2023-2024, change monthly meeting date April to Monday, April 24, and May to Wednesday, May 17. Start time 6:30pm. Motion passed.

Motion-Knight; Second Buehler, approve \$1500 for Hickory Ridge Tree Service, removal of tree at Irving Cemetery, Roll call, Buehler, Knight, Sokolowski, Bass, Olson, all "Yes". Motion passed. Sokolowski, auditor's recommendation adopt policy for third party contractors.

Motion-Knight; Second Bass, approve Thornapple Township Ambulance Contract, April 1, 2023, (1) one year, ending March 31, 2024, \$4500 per year. Roll call, Knight, Bass, Sokolowski, Olson, Buehler, all "Yes". Motion passed.

Motion Sokolowski, Second by Knight, approve \$5200 for Auditor's Contract 2023-2024, roll call, Sokolowski, Bass, Knight, Buehler, Olson, all "Yes". Motion passed.

Commission Report, John Smelker, looking to sell county property, BC Unity Help building, corner of Buehler/Iroquois Trail. Looking to build new COA near Harvest Point and looking for new ground for jail. Spend ½-¾ million on meals on wheels.

Fire/Assessor/Treasurer reports presented and on file for review. Freeport Pancake Breakfast, 3/25/2023. Sokolowski, passed through \$4.6 million in tax payments. Two office phone lines, both switch over if one line is busy. Sweep account - \$1500 returned interest from bank and closed account. Interest - \$15,000 on earned interest compared to \$2400 at start of April 2022.

Motion-Sokolowski; Second Knight, increase the budget 2022-2023 budget by \$9,226.88, for seven accounts that are over budget, accounts Audit, Deputy Treasurer Wages, Treasurer mileage, OGG publishing, OGG Misc., Election wages, B&G Capital Outlay, spreadsheet on file for review. Roll call, Sokolowski, Bass, Knight, Buehler, Olson, all "Yes". Motion passed.

Motion by Knight; Second Bass, approve Bill Payment List, amount \$7908.92. Roll call, Bass, Sokolowski, Knight, Olson, Buehler, "Yes". Motion passed.

Board comments, Sokolowski, sign-up sheet for building coverage. Knight, thanks to Board of Review Forbes, Lake, Knight, Bush – received (7) protest and 19 out of 22 veterans. Knight, satellite – StarLink for township hall. Check HughesNet contract.

Motion by Knight, Second Buehler. Sign up for Starlink, not to exceed \$1200 and put a \$99 deposit on application. Roll call, Knight, Buehler, Bass, Sokolowski, Olson all "Yes". Motion passed.

Public comment, Rhonda VanPolen, internet tour, community mental health awareness day – drop off places for information. Shelley Lake, election changes – each township will have to purchase new tabulator, \$7000. Wanda Shuford, treasurer relationships and support, from auditors to banks to citizens, respect.

Next meeting, Budget Hearing and Special Meeting, Monday, March 27, at 6:30pm for General Appropriations, Salary and Road Commission.

Next Board Meeting, April 24, at 6:30 pm.

Motion-Knight, Second Buehler, adjourn meeting at 7:49 pm. Motion passed.

Minutes and supporting meeting documents available online at [www.irvingtownship.org](http://www.irvingtownship.org) or calling 269-948-0633 for a copy.

Prepared by deputy clerk for Clerk, Sharon Olson.