

IRVING TOWNSHIP

3425 WING RD HASTINGS MI 49058

JANUARY 16, 2024

Meeting Called to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Doug Sokolowski, Jamie Knight, Mike Buehler and Sharon Olson present.
Dean Bass was absent. 20 members of the public were present.

Motion to approve agenda with the addition of the Thornapple trails maintenance agreement- Knight: seconded Buehler. All "Yes" vote. Motion passed.

Barry County Road Commission Annual Presentation of plan for Irving Township was presented by Jake Welsh.

Motion- Knight- to approve Minutes from December 19, 2023.
Seconded Buehler. All "yes" vote. Motion passed.

Public unput from Gary White regarding the relationship between a company, GLSEN, INC. NY, NY. With the Barry Eaton Health department as an indication of the need for Barry County to run their own Health department and separate from Eaton Conty.

Unfinished business- Street light on Woodschool Rd- After pursuing all public options, it was determined that the residents would need to be responsible for any Street light installation and maintenance at the private drive.

New business:

Motion – Sokolowski- to pay Birch Fire Department contract in the amount of \$52,338.00.
Seconded- Olson- Roll call vote; "yes" Sokolowski, Knight, Buehler, Olson. Absent- Bass.
Motion passed.

Township Hall boiler needs repair. Getting additional quotes from local businesses.

Cemetery Signs- design presented. Buehler will provide installation to reduce cost.

Update on first floor improvements. Almost completed.

Budget materials were presented by Sokolowski for review by board in preparation for the budget planning workshop next Tuesday.

Motion- Knight to approve the use of the parking lot by the Wish-A -Mile bicycle tour July 26, 2024.
Seconded- Buehler. Motion passed. With Sokolowski voting "No".

Motion- Knight-to fund the maintenance of the 2-mile section of the Paul Henry Trail that runs though Irving Township for \$1250.00 for this year.
Seconded- Buehler. Roll call vote "yes" Buehler, Sokolowski, Knight, Olson. Absent- Bass.
Motion Passed.

Reports for Fire departments and assessor were presented. Commissioner Smelker gave update on the County Board of Commissioners agenda.

Treasurer's Report presented and on file. February 29, 2024, is the last day taxes can be paid to the Township. All taxes after this date must be paid to the County Treasurer.

Motion- Knight- to pay bills \$22,496.24.

Seconded- Buehler. Roll Call vote "Yes" Sokolowski, Knight, Olson, and Buehler. Absent- Bass. Motion Passed.

Public Input by Gary White clarifying his earlier comments.

Board Member Comments:

Sokolowski- E-Letter is available to anyone who request it.

Olson- The work of the Presidential Primary is underway with almost 800 absent voter ballot request forms mailed out December 28, 2023. Shelly Lake, Election Specialist Deputy Clerk, and Sharon Olson, Clerk are working to record and process the returning applications.

Upcoming dates:

January 23, 2024- Election Commission and budget workshop 6:30 PM

February 20, 2024, Budget hearing 6:00 PM and Township Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Motion- Knight- to adjourn at 7:46.

Seconded- Buehler. All "yes" vote. Motion Passed.