

FINAL – NO CHANGES

## IRVING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JUNE 18, 2024

3425 Wing Rd. Hastings, Michigan 49058

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

Present: Doug Sokolowski, Sharon Olson, Jamie Knight, Dean Bass, and Mike Buehler. None absent.  
Also present Shelly Lake, Deputy Clerk. Nine members of the public in attendance.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Knight – add under “Upcoming Dates”, July 16, 2024 1:00pm Board of Review Meeting

Motion by Knight, support by Buehler, to approve Agenda, as amended. All YES votes. **MOTION PASSED**

### APPROVAL OF MAY 2024 MEETING MINUTES

- Motion by Knight, support by Buehler, to Approve the May 2024 Minutes, as presented.  
All YES votes. **MOTION PASSED**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Senator Thomas Albert updated the Board on current happenings in Lansing. He is running for re-election.
- Heather Wing announced her candidacy for County Treasurer.
- Resident Chris Bennett commented on the poor dust control on this road
- Lani Forbes provided update on the Village of Freeport. Hired a new Police Chief (Tim Griffin), ordered new police car. On July 1, the final water project will begin (using ARPA funds)
- Kim Miller, Board Member for the Commission on Aging, shared their mission and programs. In the August election, voters are being asked to support a renewal of 0.4665 mill per year and increase of 0.0335 mill to restore amounts reduced by the Headlee Amendment, resulting in a levy of 0.5000 mill. Total taxes levied to support senior services would be less than \$45 per year.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Updated technology for township hall. Motion by Knight, support by Sokolowski to spend up to \$19,000 on IT services including servers, network capability, etc. Roll Call Vote – YES: Knight, Olson, Bass, Buehler, and Sokolowski. NO: None **MOTION PASSED**

### NEW BUSINESS

- Website cleanup. Approved Sokolowski to obtain quote from Pixelvine for website update.
- Dust Control on Ryan Road. Per Knight, cost is \$1,200 for the Road Commission to perform a second dust control service. They will scrape at no cost. Knight to contact Jake at Road Commission to ask if there were two passes made on the last service.

## **REPORTS**

- Fire reports are available at their respective fire departments
- Knight summarized Hastings and Thornapple Fire Reports
- Lani Forbes presented Freeport Fire Report
- Knight summarized the township Assessing Report for May 2024

### **Commission Report – Jon Smelker**

- Public Hearing on July 9 at 9:00am regarding Brownfield tax exempt
- Hired a construction manager for the Commission on Aging building
- Conducting a survey on spongy moths

### **Treasurer Report – Doug Sokolowski**

- Presented Treasurer Report, which is available for review online and at the Township Hall.
- The township financial audit is scheduled for July 12.
- Negotiating with AT&T on amount due because contract expired. Motion by Sokolowski, support by Knight, to pay AT&T between \$300-625, once final amount is known. Roll Call Vote – YES: Knight, Sokolowski, Olson, Buehler, Bass. NO: None **MOTION PASSED**
- Check in the amount of \$1,250.00 payable to Village of Middleville has been lost in the mail. Motion by Sokolowski, support by Olson, to pay the bank cancellation fee of \$40.00 in the event Sokolowski cannot get the bank to waive the fee. Roll Call Vote – YES: Sokolowski, Olson, Buehler, Bass, Knight. NO: None. **MOTION PASSED**

## **PAY BILLS**

- Motion by Knight, support by Bass, to pay bills in the amount of \$4,841.46. Roll Call Vote – YES: Bass, Buehler, Knight, Sokolowski, Olson. NO: None. **MOTION PASSED**

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

- Lani Forbes – Discussed the shortage of affordable rental housing in Barry County. Irving Township has the lowest poverty level of all townships in Barry County.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** - None

Motion by Knight, support by Buehler, to adjourn at 7:40pm. All YES votes. **MOTION PASSED**

## **UPCOMING DATES**

July 16, 2024 – Board of Review 1:00pm

July 16, 2024 – Irving Township Board Meeting 6:30pm

*Minutes prepared by Shelly Lake, Deputy Clerk.*

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion made by Knight, seconded by Buehler to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM. All “Yes” votes Motion Passed.

