

IRVING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

3425 Wing Rd. Hastings, Michigan 49058

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

Present: Lydy, Brummel, Nagel, Buehler Absent: Stout
Also present were 12 members of the public, plus Shelly Lake and Lorraine Bush

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Lydy – Remove Barry County Community Mental Health from agenda
- Lydy – Add to agenda to purchase envelopes for our Assessor
- Motion by Lydy, seconded by Buehler, to approve the agenda with changes. All “Yes” votes. **Motion Passed**

CLERK’S MINUTES

- Motion by Lydy, seconded by Nagel, to approve the January 21, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, as presented. All “Yes” votes. **Motion Passed**

REPORTS

- Thornapple Fire Department – Lydy gave report
- Freeport Fire Department – Lani Forbes gave report
- Hastings Fire Department – Chief Jordan gave report
- Commissioner Smelker gave update on the Board of Commissioners
- All Fire Department reports are available at their respective departments

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Shelly Lake – Asked about Irving Township holding insurance money in an escrow account, from fires that occur in our township. Irving holds a portion of the fire insurance payout until the property is cleaned up.

TREASURER’S REPORT

- Nagel presented the Treasurer’s Report to the Board
- Motion by Lydy, seconded by Brummel, to accept the Treasurer’s Report
- The Treasurer’s Report may be viewed at the Irving Township Hall

PAY BILLS

- Motion by Lydy, seconded by Brummel, to pay bills in the amount of \$5,169.69. Roll Call Vote: YES: Lydy, Brummel, Nagel, Buehler: NO: None Absent: Stout **Motion Passed**
- Motion by Lydy, seconded by Brummel, to transfer \$400.00 from the Township Attorney cost center to Cemetery Administration. Roll Call Vote: YES: Lydy, Brummel, Nagel, Buehler. NO: None Absent: Stout **Motion Passed**
- Motion by Lydy, seconded by Buehler, to transfer \$150.00 from the Township Attorney cost center to Audit Services. Roll Call Vote: YES: Lydy, Brummel, Nagel, Buehler. NO: None Absent: Stout **Motion Passed**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Village of Middleville – Craig Stolsonburg gave presentation. They need financial support for maintenance of the Paul Henry Trail. There are two bridges failing – cost to replace is \$800,000 each. The Village is applying for grants with the DNR Trust Fund and the Transportation Alternative Grant. Two of the five miles of the Paul Henry Trail are within Irving Township.
 - The Village is asking for a letter of support to be submitted with the grants.
 - They are asking for financial support from Irving Township. Thornapple Twp offered \$10k; Village of Middleville giving \$200k.
- Michigan BEAD Grant Program – MEI Telecom is asking for a letter of support that they can include with their request for funding to expand broadband services in rural Barry County. Lydy presented a sample template letter to the Board. Motion by Lydy, seconded by Buehler, to supply a letter of support to MEI for their funding request from the BEAD program. All “Yes” votes, **Motion Passed**
- Duo Security Subscription – This will allow employees to have remote access to the server at the township hall. Motion by Brummel, seconded by Lydy, to sign up for Duo Security Services for a fee of \$30 per month. Roll Call Vote: YES: Lydy, Brummel, Nagel, Buehler. NO: None; Absent: Stout **Motion Passed**
- Poverty Exemption Resolution (2025-01) – Motion by Lydy, seconded by Buehler, to approve Resolution 2025-01. All “Yes” votes, **Motion Passed**
- Property Transfer Resolution (2025-02) – Motion by Lydy, seconded by Nagel, to approve Resolution 2025-02. All “Yes” votes, **Motion Passed**
- Protest in Writing Resolution (2025-03) – Motion by Lydy, seconded by Buehler, to approve Resolution 2025-03. All “Yes” votes, **Motion Passed**
- 2025-2026 Budget Hearing date – Motion by Lydy, seconded by Buehler, to schedule the Budget Hearing on March 18, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Township Hall. All “Yes” votes, **Motion Passed**
- Election voting day laptop – The township has three old laptops not in use. Motion by Brummel, seconded by Buehler, to have Clark Technical Services back-up all three laptops and wipe them clean. They will advise if one of the laptops fulfills the requirements to be used as Election Day EPB Laptop. All “Yes” votes, **Motion Passed**
- Purchase custom stamped envelopes for the Assessor – to mail out annual property assessments. Motion by Lydy, seconded by Buehler, to spend up to \$2,219.50 to purchase envelopes and have them custom printed with postage and return address. Roll Call Vote: YES: Lydy, Brummel, Buehler, Nagel. NO: None Absent: Stout. **Motion Passed**

PUBLIC INPUT

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

UPCOMING DATES

- February 25, 2025 – Budget Workshop, 6:30pm
- March 4, 2025 – BOR Organizational Meeting, 11:00am
- March 10, 2025 – BOR Public Meeting, 3:00pm-9:00pm
- March 11, 2025 – BOR Public Meeting, 9:00am-3:00pm
- March 18, 2025 – Township Board Meeting, 6:30pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

- Motion made by Lydy, seconded by Brummel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. All “Yes” votes. **Motion Passed**

Submitted by Shelly Lake, Irving Township Deputy Clerk