

**IRVING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JULY 15, 2025
3425 Wing Rd. Hastings, Michigan 49058**

Meeting called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 pm

Present: Lydy, Brummel, Nagel, Stout. Absent: Buehler

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Lydy - add Gorton Road to the Applewine Rd Assessment issue under New Business.
- Motioned by Lydy, seconded by Nagel, to approve the agenda with changes. **Motion Passed**

CLERK MINUTES

- Motion by Nagel, seconded by Lydy, to approve June 17, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, as presented. **Motion Passed**

REPORTS

- Thornapple Fire Department- Chief Richardson gave report
- Freeport Fire Department- Lani Forbes gave report
- Hasting Fire Department- Chief Jordan gave report
- All fire department reports are available at their respective departments
- Cemetery – no report
- Commissioner (Jon Smelker) – no report

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Residents (Bennett) asked about dust control on their road

TREASURERS REPORT

- Nagel presented the Treasurer’s report to the board.
- Motion by Lydy, seconded by Brummel, to accept the Treasurer report. Roll Call Vote: YES: Lydy, Stout, Brummel, Nagel; NO: None; Absent: Buehler. **Motion Passed**
- The treasurer report may be viewed at the Irving Township Hall.

PAY BILLS

- Motion by Brummel, seconded by Buehler, to pay bills in the amount of \$280,876.09. Roll Call Vote: YES: Lydy, Stout, Brummel, Nagel; NO: None; Absent: Buehler. **Motion Passed**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Birch Fire Ambulance Service – Chief Jordan gave an update. Purchased a new ambulance. Should be ready in September.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Freeport Fire Contract and Payment** – Discussed the lack of a signed contract. Irving Township owes the Freeport Fire Assoc \$82,520.12 share milage for last year.

Motion by Lydy, seconded by Stout, to sign the Freeport Fire Contract and to pay the Freeport Fire Assoc \$82,250.12 for share milage for last year. Roll Call Vote: YES: Lydy, Stout, Brummel, Nagel; NO: None; Absent: Buehler. **Motion Passed**

- **Special Assessment for Applewine Road (and Gorton Dr, per the amended Agenda)** – Lydy explained the process for a Special Assessment for these roads. Two paving quotes were provided to the Township (Black Gold and Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc). Lydy explained how the costs would be distributed between the homes on the two roads.
 - ✓ If the Township involves the attorney, and do not follow thru with the assessments, the Township will still be responsible for the attorney fees.
 - ✓ The Assessor will provide road frontage per parcel on the two affected roads.
 - ✓ If the Township votes to approve the Special Assessments, the Township will choose the contractor to do the work.
 - ✓ Once the road work is completed, there are no warranties.

Motion by Brummel, seconded by Lydy, to begin the process by requesting road frontage information from the Assessor, Dan Scheuerman. There is no cost involved. **Motion Passed**

- **Remove Engle Road from the “Designation of Natural Beauty Roads” list** – Many members of the public spoke about the public safety issues on Engle Road due to the narrowing of the road over the years. Discussion occurred between the Board Members and the public.
 - ✓ The invasive species, Russian Olive bushes, have become an issue with their growth.
 - ✓ Areas of the road have become very narrow over the years, causing safety concerns when vehicles meet in those spots.
 - ✓ Lydy, Brummel, and Nagel referenced Public Act 451 and said they need petitions signed by residents, showing that at least 51% of the residents request the designation be removed.

Motion by Lydy, seconded by Brummel, to table the topic until the next meeting. **Motion Passed**

PUBLIC INPUT

- Residents from Applewine Rd and Gorton Dr thanked the Board for their help in beginning the process for Special Assessments.
- The Chair of the Applewine HOA said that commercial vehicles using their roads have been tearing them up.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - None

UPCOMING DATES

- July 24, 2025 – Board of Review Meeting 5:00pm
- July 25-27, 2025 – Wish-A-Mile Bicycle Tour
- August 19, 2025- Township Board Meeting 7:00pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Motion made by Brummel, seconded by Lydy, to adjourn at 7:37 pm. **Motion Passed**

Submitted by Shelly Lake, Irving Township Deputy Clerk