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**IRVING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2025**

Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

Present: Lydy, Stout, Brummel, Nagel, Buehler. Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Motion by Lydy, seconded by Stout, to add the following two items to the Agenda: 1) Resolution 2025-13 (Consumers Energy Company Gas and/or Electric Franchise Resolution) under Unfished Business, and 2) KISD and BISD under New Business. **Motion Passed**

CLERK'S MINUTES (July 15, 2025)

- Correction – Under "Pay Bills", motion was seconded by Lydy, not Buehler. Motion by Brummel, seconded by Lydy, to approve July 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, as amended. **Motion Passed**

REPORTS

- Thornapple Fire Department – Lydy gave report
- Freeport Fire Department – Lani Forbes gave report
- Hastings Fire Department – Lydy gave report
- All fire department reports are available at their respective departments.
- Cemetery – No report
- Commissioner Smelker – The Board is in union negotiations with six unions. Working on the 2026 budget (approx. \$22M). Currently working on health department budget cuts. Some permit fees may be raised to offset cuts to budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kristi Palmbo - requested an update on the topic of removing the Natural Beauty Designation from Engle Road.
- Diane W – For safety reasons, the Road Commission can already clear the road. There should be a speed limit sign on Engle Road.
- Amy McKinley – Told of a recent accident where a FedEx driver hit a tree and Engle Rd was closed for a few hours. There is no other way to out, as it is a dead-end road.
- Paula Pawloski – Has lived on Engle Rd for 27 years, and the road has become worse in terms of safety.

TREASURER REPORT

- Nagel presented the Treasurer’s Report to the Board
- The auditors will be performing their annual audit this Thursday. She will be discussing with them the possibility of consolidating bank accounts.
- Motion by Lydy, seconded by Buehler, to accept the Treasurer’s Report, as presented. **Motion Passed**

PAY BILLS

- Stout presented the Bill Pay Report.
- Motion by Brummel, seconded by Buehler, to pay bills in the amount of \$135,036.02. Roll Call Vote: YES: Lydy, Stout, Brummel, Nagel, Buehler. **Motion Passed**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Motion by Lydy, seconded by Buehler, to adopt Resolution 2025-13 (Consumers Energy Company Gas and/or Electric Franchise Resolution). **Motion Passed**
- Remove Engle Road from the “Designation of Natural Beauty Roads” List: Motion by Lydy, seconded by Brummel, to send a letter to the Barry County Road Commission, requesting they discuss removing the Natural Beauty Designation from Engle Road at their September meeting. **Motion Passed**

NEW BUSINESS

- KISD and BISD Election – Stout informed the Board that Irving Township will be conducting an election on November 4, 2025. Both Kent and Barry Intermediate School Districts will have proposals on the ballot. Stout stated she needs to buy postage to mail ballots. All expenses from will be reimbursed by the School Districts, but will not be received until next fiscal year.
- Motion by Lydy, seconded by Buehler, to spend no more than \$850 for postage to mail ballots. Roll Call Vote: YES: Stout, Nagel, Lydy, Brummel, Buehler. **Motion Passed**

PUBLIC INPUT – None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Lydy, seconded by Buehler, to adjourn at 7:14pm. **Motion Passed**

UPCOMING DATES

- September 16, 2025 – Township Board Meeting – 7:00pm

Submitted by Shelly Lake, Irving Township Deputy Clerk