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IRVING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OCTOBER ~~22~~ 21, 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 Buehler, to approve the Agenda, as presented. **Motion Passed**

CLERK'S MINUTES (July 15, 2025)

- Motion by Stout, seconded by Nagel, to approve the September 16, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, as presented. **Motion Passed**

REPORTS

- Thornapple Fire Department – Chief Richardson 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 – Wanda Shuford, Deputy Treasurer, gave report.
- Commissioner Smelker – Approved updated Emergency Plan; Posted job for Deputy Administrator/Finance; Union negotiations are going to arbitration; Commissioner's Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

TREASURER REPORT

- Nagel presented the Treasurer's Report to the Board
- Motion by Lydy, seconded by Buehler, to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Motion Passed**

PAY BILLS

- Stout presented the Bill Pay Report.
- Motion by Brummel, seconded by Lydy, to pay bills in the amount of \$21,305.56. Roll Call Vote: YES: Lydy, Stout, Brummel, Nagel, Buehler. NO: None **Motion Passed**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Gorton Drive & Applewine Road SAD – Lydy explained that he does not yet have the numbers from the Assessor to complete the Special Assessment document. He anticipates this topic to be included in the November 2025 Board Meeting Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- Skyway Tower's New Communication Tower
 - Ben Varney from Pyramid Network Services gave presentation on a communication tower they would like to place on Township property.
 - Pyramid represents Skyway Tower, who contracts with Verizon
 - Lease income would be \$75,000 one-time, upfront or \$500/month for 30 years with a 1.5% increase annually.
 - Motion by Lydy, seconded by Stout, to approve the tower plan to proceed to the next step. Pyramid will submit a proposal regarding placement location. **Motion Passed**

PUBLIC INPUT

- Shannon Hazzard, Roundtree Drive, wanted information on special road assessments.
- Jessica and Brian Olczak, Josie Lane, wanted information on special road assessments.
- Kyle Herp – commented that the 1.5% increase on the tower lease is not even cost of living.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

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

UPCOMING DATES

- November 4, 2025 – Special Election, Polls open 7:00am-8:00pm
- November 10, 2025 – Public Hearing, Engle Rd Natural Beauty Designation Status
- November 18, 2025 – Township Board Meeting – 6:30pm

Submitted by Shelly Lake, Irving Township Deputy Clerk