

IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
March 7, 2023

The Meeting of the Ida Township Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Members present were Supervisor Paul Metz, Treasurer Kelly Elmer, Trustee Chris Curry and Trustee Tim Mata.

Public Comment: A resident voiced their concern about the status and safety of E. Morocco Road, there has been damage to their vehicles and tires. P. Metz stated that repairs are in the budget, the Township is waiting on culvert replacement.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda was made by K. Elmer with support from P. Metz. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Township Board Meeting held February 7, 2023 were reviewed. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by T. Mata with support by C. Curry. Motion carried.

Building Department: 10 permits were pulled in the month of February totaling \$2327.74. There was 1 new home build in the month of February.

Zoning Department: Tim Duby reported that he is working on the processes for the Zoning Department.

Fire Department Report: The Fire Department report was reviewed. In February 57 calls were made in Ida, 31 calls in Raisinville, 3 calls in Monroe and 1 call in Dundee, 1 call in Bedford and 1 call in LaSalle for a total of 83 calls. K. Horn reported that he met with C. Curry to discuss the future of a proposed fire department building and/or renovation. He also noted that the day shift with the fireman is going really well.

Clerk Report:

The Clerk's Report was reviewed. C. Curry made a motion to pay the bills with budget adjustments with support from T. Mata. Motion passed on a roll call votes as follows: P. Metz: yes, K. Elmer: yes, C. Curry: yes, T. Mata: yes

| Account Name | Account Number | Debit + | Credit - |
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| Assessing Misc. | 101-209-956-00 | 500 | |
| Contingency | 101-890-999-00 | | 500 |
| Admin: Professional Services | 101-250-801-00 | 4000 | |
| Building & Grounds: Repairs/ Maintenance | 101-265-930-00 | | 4000 |

Treasurer Report:

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. P. Metz made a motion to accept the Report with support from T. Mata. Motion carried.

K. Elmer reported that the ARPA account has been closed and she is looking for better interest rates.

Trustee Report:

C. Curry noted that there has been a problem with the Township's Retirement Plan's custodian, he has reached out to other custodians and is waiting on return info.

Supervisor Report:

P. Metz reported that he has received a lot of complaints regarding standing water in parcels on Lewis Ave. He said it is due to the road ditches and culverts along Lewis – this is a Road Commission issue. P. Metz also mentioned that Marathon Pipeline closed Morocco Road (between Lewis and Geiger) for two weeks to perform repairs on their pipeline. The Township was not advised of the closure until the road was closed on Monday 3/6. Metz talked to the Road Commission to make sure that the road is returned to its original state.

Blight Officer Report: There were 4 complaints in the month of February. T. DUBY reported that the house at 4501 Lewis Ave has a pending sale and should be demolished by this spring.

Library Report: The Library Report was reviewed

Old Business: None

New Business:

There was a discussion about Christmas in Ida 2023. Jim and Kelly Gotha attended the meeting as representatives of the Christmas in Ida Committee. They are requesting funds from the Township for new decorations, refurbished lights and new banners. P. Metz will look in to the legalities of donating funds. K. Elmer asked that the conversation be revisited at a later date.

P. Metz is looking into estimates for a generator for the Township. There is a possibility of a grant through the Emergency Management Department; the Community Room may be able to be used as a designated command center during emergencies.

C. Curry made a motion to adjust the budget to accommodate the Zoning Administrator to work 7 hours a week with office hours on Tuesdays between 9am – 4pm for the remainder of the fiscal year in the amount of \$2700. The adjustment will come from Buildings and Grounds Capital Outlay, with support from K. Elmer. Motion passed on a roll call votes as follows: P. Metz: yes, K. Elmer: yes, C. Curry: yes, T. Mata: yes

P. Metz made a motion to write a letter of recommendation/support to Comcast so they can apply for a grant to expand their high speed internet in unserved areas in Ida Township with support from K. Elmer. Motion carried.

P. Metz made a motion to renew the Digital Perspectives contract and ask that an additional year be added at \$780/month from July 1, 2022-July 30, 2024 with support from C. Curry. Motion passed on a roll call votes as follows: P. Metz: yes, K. Elmer: yes, C. Curry: yes, T. Mata: yes.

C. Curry made a motion to enter into a contract with Perry ProTech for an office copier for 63 months at \$166.86/month with Perry paying off our current copier contract in the amount of \$3761.04 with support from T. Mata.

C. Curry made a motion to approve the cross tile replacement on Minx Rd for the proposed amount of \$2000 with support from T. Mata. Motion passed on a roll call votes as follows: P. Metz: yes, K. Elmer: yes, C. Curry: yes, T. Mata: yes.

A motion to adjourn was made by P. Metz with support by T. Mata. Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tera Shaffer, Ida Township Clerk

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