

IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
September 5, 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, Clerk Tera Shaffer, Trustee Tim Mata and Trustee Chris Curry.

Public Comment:

- A resident expressed concern about the house that is falling in on itself on Lewis Ave.
- State Representative, William Bruck gave an update on the Bills he is working on now that he is back and able to attend session.

Approval of Agenda: A Motion to approve the Agenda was made by C. Curry with support by T. Mata. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Township Board Meeting held August 1, 2023 were reviewed. A Motion to approve the Minutes was made by T. Mata with support by C. Curry. Motion carried.

Building Department: The Building Report was reviewed.

Zoning Department: T. Duby reported 3 zoning assists in the month of August.

Fire Department Report: The Fire Department report was reviewed. In August 25 calls were made in Ida, 18 calls in Raisinville, 2 calls in Dundee, 2 calls in Bedford, 1 call in LMR and 1 in Monroe for a total of 49 calls.

Clerk Report: T. Shaffer reported:

- The Building Department has all new updated permits and pricing.
- AV ballot apps have been sent out for the November 7, 2023 Ida School Special Election.

The bills were reviewed. P. Metz made a motion to pay the bills with support from T. Mata. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. T. Mata: yes. C. Curry: yes

Treasurer Report:

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. T.Mata made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with support by T. Shaffer. Motion carried

Trustee Report: C. Curry reported that he was looking into a complaint about the mowing at Lulu Cemetery.

Supervisor Report: P. Metz reported:

- Culvert work has started on Minx Rd.
- The tree that fell in Neriah Cemetery has been cleaned up.
- Ida Township will meet with the Road Commission on September 19th to discuss road contracts.

Blight Officer Report: T. Duby reported that had 3 ordinance complaints and 1 blight complaint in August.

Library Report: The Library Report was reviewed. Librarian, Suzanne Krueger requested better communication from the Township when there will be work done to the building.

Old Business: T. Mata made a motion to opt out of donating to the Monroe Conservation District for this fiscal year with support from C. Curry. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

There was a discussion about the process after Zoning and Planning Commission meetings. Zoning decisions are final; Planning decisions will be brought before the Township Board for final approval.

The Treasurer will be moving money within First Merchants ICS program to increase FDIC protection.

T. Mata made a motion to move forward with the Point & Pay program to make credit card payments with a 3% transaction fee, \$500 set up fee and \$50 monthly fee with support from C. Curry. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. T. Mata: yes. C. Curry: yes.

It was reported that the zoning variance for 12725 Lulu Rd was approved by the Zoning Commission.

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There was a discussion about the condition of the playground equipment. The Fire Department Association will look into repairs that need to be done.

T. Shaffer made a motion to create a Resolution to combine precincts for the November 7, 2023 election with support from T. Mata. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: P. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. T. Mata: yes. C. Curry: yes.

There was a discussion about the process of early voting; Ida will be holding early voting at our Township Hall.

There was a discussion about looking into a possible location for a shed or trailer that the library is considering purchasing.

Adjournment: A Motion to adjourn was made by C. Curry with support by T. Shaffer. Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tera Shaffer, Ida Township Clerk