

IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
May 6, 2026

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 Mark Metz, Clerk Tera Shaffer, Treasurer Kelli Brandjord, Trustee Chris Curry and Trustee Tim Mata.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda was made by K. Brandjord with support by T. Mata. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Township Board Meeting held April 7, 2026 were reviewed. C. Curry made a motion to approve the minutes of the Township Board Meeting held April 7, 2026 with support by K. Brandjord. All in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes from the special meeting held on April 20, 2026 were reviewed. T. Mata made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on April 20, 2026 with support from M. Metz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Building Department: 19 Permits were pulled in March for a total of \$4,787, with one new home build.

Zoning Department: No report given.

Blight Officer: No report given.

Fire Department Report:

- In April there were 42 calls in Ida, 25 in Raisinville, 2 in Dundee, 1 in LaSalle and 1 in Monroe for a total of 71 calls. There have been 278 calls so far in 2026.

T. Shaffer made a motion to accept Abraham Ferguson for paid on call service for the fire department with support by C. Curry. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Report:

- T. Shaffer gave an update on the Park Project. Mannik Smith gave us one quote from Sinclair for the playground area. This plan is not conducive to our park plan because it invades the space for pickleball court. We continue to wait to get hard numbers. Once we have firm numbers, we can finally decide on phase 1.
- Rawlings proposal to clean the duct work for \$3,150 was reviewed. M. Metz made a motion to accept the proposal from Rawlings Heating and A/C to clean out the duct work in the Township building in the amount of \$3,150 with support from T. Mata. All in favor. Motion carried.

T. Mata made a motion to pay the bills with support by C. Curry. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: C. Curry: yes. K. Brandjord: yes. M. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. T. Mata: yes.

Payroll reports were reviewed.

The balance sheet was reviewed.

Treasurer Report:

- K. Brandjord presented a request from a resident who requested to use the community room for an art club. The board advised the resident to see if they could work with the library to create a club.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. C. Curry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report with support from T. Shaffer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Report:

- C. Curry reached out to Brett Ansel in regards to filling the blight office position. Mr. Ansel's brother is interested. C. Curry and M. Metz will set up an interview.
- T. Mata reached out to Todd Strimple in regards to the scouts doing the yard work for the township hall. They plan to pull weeds and trim bushes.

Supervisor Report:

- M. Metz presented the MTA example of a moratorium for data centers. The board will review it and this issue will be placed on the June agenda.
- M. Metz gave an update on all the current blight cases. After speaking with the attorney, all the cases that are in the court system will be placed on pause until we hire a new blight inspector.
- There was a discussion about pond inspections. Our current ordinance says that it is the role of the zoning administrator. The board has asked the planning commission to consider adding the wording, "or appointed person."
- The parking lot for the park was scraped and stone laid by M. Metz and the Co-Op.
- There was a discussion about the holes in road right in front of the township hall entrance. M. Metz will call the road commission.
- M. Metz reported about the complaints about work being done at the ITC project late at night. M. Metz reached out to the contact at ITC. They took care of this matter quickly and assured us the work will cease at night.

Library Report: The Library Report was reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

T. Shaffer made a motion to remove the road millage discussion from the agenda going forward with support from M. Metz. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about the park entrance and needing more quotes. It will remain on Unfinished Business.

New Business:

T. Shaffer made a motion to accept the Supervisor salary for the 2026-2027 fiscal year with a 3% raise with support from C. Curry. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: C. Curry: yes. K. Brandjord: yes. M. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. T. Mata: yes.

M. Metz made a motion to accept the Clerk salary for the 2026-2027 fiscal year with a 3% raise with support from C. Curry. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: C. Curry: yes. K. Brandjord: yes. M. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. T. Mata: yes.

M. Metz made a motion to accept the Treasurer salary for the 2026-2027 fiscal year with a 3% raise with support from C. Curry. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: C. Curry: yes. K. Brandjord: yes. M. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. T. Mata: yes.

The resignation letter from Tim Duby was reviewed.

M. Metz made a motion to assign the role of Zoning Administrator, minus pond inspections to Todd Roach in the amount of \$300 a month with support from C. Curry. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: C. Curry: yes. K. Brandjord: yes. M. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. T. Mata: yes.

M. Metz made a motion to assign the role of inspecting liquor licenses to Kelli Brandjord at the already assigned amount of \$90 a month with support from C. Curry. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: C. Curry: yes. K. Brandjord: yes. M. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. T. Mata: yes.

There was a discussion about going forward with an interview with Mr. Ansel for the blight inspector position. C. Curry and M. Metz will try to coordinate the interview.

There was a discussion on the need to have the front doors and the door leading to the outside, in the community room, looked at. T. Mata will reach out to a contact he knows that deals with the doors at the prison.

T. Shaffer presented a request from the Disability Network to have kids with disabilities work in the park through their funded program. T. Shaffer will meet with them this month for a further discussion.

M. Metz made a motion to accept the proposal for the yearly maintenance of the elevator in the fire all in the amount of \$1,016 with support from K. Brandjord. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: C. Curry: yes. K. Brandjord: yes. M. Metz: yes. T. Shaffer: yes. T. Mata: yes.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by M. Metz with support by C. Curry. Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tera Shaffer, Ida Township Clerk