

Isabella Township Regular Board Meeting

May 1, 2023

7:00 pm

The Isabella Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Deputy Pat Horan for Supervisor Rick Ervin at 7:00 p.m. at the Isabella Township Hall.

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Pat Horan for Supervisor Rick Ervin.

Present were: Linda Bechtel, Deputy Pat Horan for Supervisor Rick Ervin, Kristin Derby, Thomas Reihl, and Robert Walton

Approval of Agenda: Thomas Reihl moved to approve agenda. Robert Walton supported. Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read and reviewed from the April 3, 2023 regular business meeting. Thomas Reihl made a motion, seconded by Bob Walton to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Guest Speakers: Spencer Lynch of the Fourth of July Committee formally asked to use the park for the celebration on June 30-July 1, 2023. The parade was moved to 10:30am instead of 11am. Robert Walton made a motion to approve the use of the park and events and to provide \$500 worth of supplies. Thomas Reihl seconded. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Motion passed.

Robert Walton, along with Shelly Nelson, gave a recap of the MTA meeting they attended. The county commissioners are asking to have a millage increase but haven't determined which election they will do that at.

Assessor: Bill Strouse presented a land split for Monica Holmes, parcel # 09-017-30-001-01. [Thomas Reihl made a resolution, seconded by Robert Walton to approve the land division as presented for parcel # 09-017-30-001-01. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved.]

Financial Report: Linda Bechtel presented the Treasurers report. Thomas Reihl made a motion, seconded by Robert Walton to accept the financial report with an ending balance of \$773,891.68. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Motion passed.

Kristin Derby presented the bills. Thomas Reihl made a motion, seconded by Robert Walton to pay checks #1313-#1334. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved to pay vouchers as presented. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Kristin Derby attended the MTA conference in Traverse City which was very resourceful.
- Kristin Derby presented on lawyers and would like to make a formal decision for a lawyer at the next business meeting. She encouraged the board to investigate Mike Homier, Laura Genovich or other Foster and Swift lawyers.

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- Kristin Derby asked if we could purchase Microsoft Office 365 for our computers since we are using a borrowed version of Microsoft Office. Kristin Derby made a resolution to purchase Microsoft Office, seconded by Robert Walton. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Motion passed.
- Kristin Derby asked for an ACH Utility Policy that allows us to pay any utility bills online before the meeting in order to avoid late fees. Thomas Reihl made a motion to adopt the ACH policy to pay utilities online ahead of the meeting to avoid late fees. Linda Bechtel seconded. Motion passed.
- We have made two contracts; one contract for cleaning the hall and park and a second one for a Pavilion Rental Coordinator. Cleaning the open pavilion once a month was added to the cleaning contract. Adjustments were made to the contracts. We will open these two jobs for bid immediately and close the bids for both June 4, 2023.
- Kristin Derby presented that CMS has faster phone and internet available for a cheaper price.
- Kristin Derby presented on Waste Management. We are currently paying half price on our cemetery dumpsters. They were willing to drop the park trash \$100 per month.
- John Mogg accidentally sent his bill for our playground sand to the Village and they paid it. It has since been worked out and we paid John Mogg for the sand.
- The playground company is coming with parts to repair broken pieces on playground. They will inspect and tighten things as well.
- The fire board voted to ask each township to increase their budget by 3%. Robert Walton made a resolution to increase the fire department budget by 3%. Thomas Reihl seconded. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Motion passed.
- Bleachers and tables are on order.
- There are cornstalks in the ditches at the cemeteries, killing the grass. Elliot was willing to clean it out with his equipment for sixty dollars an hour. Robert Walton made a motion to give Elliot permission to clean it up. Thomas Reihl seconded. Motion passed.
- The walking track at the park needs to be sprayed and seal coated. Rick will investigate companies to do the work.
- Elliott Fitzpatrick put grass seed down by the bleachers at the park.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Adjournment: Robert Walton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thomas Reihl.

Meeting declared adjourned.