

**Isabella Township Meeting
December 4, 2023**

The Isabella Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rick Ervin at 7:00 p.m. at the Isabella Township Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rick Ervin.

Present: Linda Bechtel, Rick Ervin, Kristin Derby, Thomas Reihl, and Robert Walton.

Approval of Agenda: Rick Ervin moved to approve the agenda. Thomas Reihl supported. Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read and reviewed from the November 6, 2023, regular business meeting. Robert Walton made a motion, seconded by Thomas Reihl, to approve the minutes as presented with corrections to the final balance from \$795,042.12 to \$795,078.12. Motion passed.

Assessor: Bill Strouse will be retiring April 1, 2024. He will work with Rick Ervin to find a replacement.

Financial Report: Linda Bechtel presented the Treasurer's report. Thomas Reihl made a motion, seconded by Robert Walton, to accept the financial report with an ending balance of \$732,992.35. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Motion passed.

Kristin Derby presented the bills. Robert Walton made a motion, seconded by Thomas Reihl, to pay checks #1471-#1474 & #1496-#1513. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved to pay vouchers as presented. Motion passed.

New Business:

- We received the 2% money in the amount of \$192, 557.79.
- Paul Hoover has a bill for Wreaths Across America. The local 4h clubs will be helping on December 16th.
- Board of Review is December 12, 2023 at 4pm.
- The Mid-Michigan Security has not gotten back to Rick Ervin.
- We are looking into a digital sign for the front of the Township Hall.
- We need fireproof locking cabinets for elections and important office files. Rick Ervin made a motion to purchase five, two-drawer fire-safe filing cabinets for \$1,125 each plus shipping. Thomas Reihl seconded. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Motion carried.
- We need to investigate shifting from a debit card to a credit card.
- Kristin Derby inquired about giving an incentive stipend to our election workers that chose to work the 9-days of in-person voting at the county. She will contact the lawyer to see if this is a possibility.
- Kristin Derby asked if the Township Hall could get eavestrough. Rick Ervin will investigate it.
- Jerry Neyer presented on current legislative events. The board and public asked him questions.
- Kristin Derby made a motion to purchase QuickBooks Online including payroll, seconded by Linda Bechtel. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Shelly Nelson mentioned that there are two proposals on the Feb 27, 2024 ballot. Bill Strouse has ordered Personal Property Statements, and we will be invoiced for it.

Adjournment: Rick Ervin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thomas Reihl. **Meeting declared adjourned.**