

**Isabella Township Meeting
January 2, 2024**

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 with corrections of Fire Dept update, Poverty Guidelines for 2024, and solar stop signs. Robert Walton supported. Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read and reviewed from the December 4, 2023, regular business meeting. Thomas Reihl made a motion, seconded by Robert Walton, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Kayla Marchington was present and has been hired as the new assessor starting April 1, 2024. She is a level 3 assessor and will work with Bill Strouse to transition smoothly.

Assessor: Bill Strouse presented a land split for Mark Clare, parcel # 09-028-40-001-00. [Thomas Reihl made a resolution, seconded by Robert Walton to approve the land division as presented for parcel # 09-028-40-001-00. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Resolution 010224-1] Bill Strouse also presented a land split for Paul Faber, parcel # 09-021-30-003-06. [Rick Ervin made a resolution, seconded by Thomas Reihl to approve the land division as presented for parcel # 09-021-30-003-06. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Resolution 010224-2]

Financial Report: Linda Bechtel presented the Treasurer's report. Robert Walton made a motion, seconded by Thomas Reihl, to accept the financial report with an ending balance of \$892, 276.05. 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 #1515- #1542. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved to pay vouchers as presented. Motion passed.

New Business:

- We received the contract from the Road Commission for Meridian Rd totaling \$283, 995.47. We will pay \$25,000 along with our 2% money.
- Rick Ervin received a complaint on Jordan Rd about the gravel. We will look into it.
- Fire Board meeting highlights were that the fireman got paid and were given a Christmas gift of new Muck boots from Tobacco River Footwear & Apparel.
- John Derby gave a report from Wreaths Across America. There was a very good turnout.
- Solar Stop Sign Lights at Weidman and Whiteville are just waiting for contracts to be signed and they will be installed.
- Robert Walton made a motion, seconded by Thomas Reihl, to adopt the Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2024. Motion passed.
- The next 2% request will be due March 31, 2024, if anyone has any requests they want made.
- Rick Ervin asked Shelly Nelson to give a recap of 9-Day Voting.
- Westwinds Trailer Park has a storm drainage issue that needs to be settled between the Drain Commissioner and the Township as to jurisdiction.
- Rick Ervin discussed the proposals in the upcoming election.
- Rick Ervin made a motion, supported by Thomas Reihl, to approve Kristin Derby to register for the three-day MTA Conference in April with two nights in a hotel. Motion passed.
- Kristin Derby made a motion, seconded by Rick Ervin, to purchase a new laptop up to \$1,500 for Linda Bechtel. Motion passed. There is a short in the keyboard of her laptop that is as much to repair as it is to buy a new one.
- Rick Ervin asked Shelly Nelson about deadlines for running for office, which is April 23, 2024, at 4pm.

Public Comment: John Derby mentioned that there are 14 active fire fighters with a total salary of \$19,000. They have had a few new recruits.

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