

**Isabella Township Meeting**  
**July 10, 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:** Thomas Reihl moved to approve the agenda with additions of 2% money and Wise Twp. Robert Walton supported. Agenda approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were read and reviewed from the June 5, 2023 regular business meeting. Rick Ervin made a motion, seconded by Robert Walton to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Robert Walton, along with Thomas Reihl, gave a recap of the Council of Government meeting they attended. Isabella Bank presented at that meeting.

**Assessor:** Bill Strouse presented a land split for Leah Dysinger, parcel # 09-002-40-001-04. [Robert Walton made a resolution, seconded by Thomas Reihl to approve the land division as presented for parcel # 09-002-40-001-04. 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 \$853,100.83. 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 #1365- #1392. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved to pay vouchers as presented. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

- Kristin presented a new FOIA policy since we cannot locate our previous one. Board members will look over the policy and we will vote next meeting.
- Kristin proposed getting a new phone for the Pavilion Coordinator that would be owned by the township. Thomas Reihl made a motion to purchase a phone for \$79 and a plan for \$6/mo for the Pavilion Coordinator, seconded by Robert Walton. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Motion passed.
- Kristin requested the August meeting be moved to August 14, 2023 due to elections and the September meeting moved to September 11, 2023 due to Labor Day.
- Rick presented on Isabella Road and that it is not currently on the radar to be done.
- Kristin presented a new purchasing policy. Rick made a motion to adopt page 1 of the purchasing policy, seconded by Kristin Derby. Motion passed.
- The fire grant was applied for and the play mats arrived and got installed.
- Wise township is paying the township \$7000 for the purchase of fire department radios and the defibrillator is here and awaiting a case.
- We have an extra \$10,000 from the 2% funding and Rick would like to get flashing lights on the stop sign at Isabella and Baseline due to the number of accidents there.
- Rick gave a supervisor update about the things the board has achieved: Vernon Rd from Isabella to Summerton Rd, Weidman Rd, Whiteville Rd, Isabella Rd, gravel for 2 mi each year, Lincoln Rd, Rosebush Rd, Baseline Rd, Old Mission, flashing stops signs. The park has a walking track, bathrooms, bleachers, tables, an enclosed pavilion, new park road, new playscape, new fence, storyboard, trash cans. The office is remodeled and has a new printer/copier, the outside is remodeled with a lean-to for the school kids. The cemetery has new roads, trees taken out and we

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participate in Wreaths Across America. The township has given \$1.2 million for roads and infrastructure from 2013-2022. The board accepted the bid from Olivia Nelson for Pavilion Coordinator and is happy with the services provided by Olivia. The website is owned and operated by the township board. Additions or deletions must go through the supervisor, clerk or treasurer for approval. The township board accepted the bid for Pure Lawncare for mowing and we are happy with them. Our cemeteries have never looked as good or have been as organized as they are, the board is happy with the services that Terry has provided with that. The entire board is extremely satisfied with the job Terry has done with park maintenance. The board accepted John Derby's bid for the Cleaning Contract and the board is happy with John's performance. Non-emergency questions or comments should be directed to our emails: [ervinfarms@aol.com](mailto:ervinfarms@aol.com), [becht11s@gmail.com](mailto:becht11s@gmail.com), or [isabellatownshipclerk@gmail.com](mailto:isabellatownshipclerk@gmail.com). Non-stop calling and texting will no longer be tolerated.

**Public Comment:** Township residents thanked the board for the fourth of July Celebration and the improvements to the beautiful park. Frank Todd asked about the next road brining and if windmills pay for any brining. The trash around the closed pavilion was discussed as to who is responsible for emptying them. As of now, the renters will be responsible for the outside trash closest to the enclosed pavilion and we will provide bags for that. John Derby expressed his thanks for the board's participation in the fourth of July celebration and the bleachers at the truck pull. Marje asked about upgrading lights in the bathrooms and John Derby will look into it for next time.

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

**Meeting declared adjourned.**