

## **Isabella Township Meeting March 3, 2025**

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Robert Walton moved to approve the agenda, with additions, supported by Thomas Reihl. Agenda approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were read and reviewed from the February 3, 2025, regular business meeting. Thomas Reihl made a motion, seconded by Robert Walton, to approve the minutes with corrections as presented. Motion passed.

Assessor Kayla Marchington estimated 2025 solar tax income for Isabella Township will be \$51,995 and double that in 2026 once they are operational.

**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 \$1,001,474.56. 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 #1942-#1961. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved to pay vouchers as presented. Motion passed.

### **New Business:**

- [Robert Walton made a resolution, seconded by Thomas Reihl, to approve the brine contract with the Road Commission for \$28,457.82 for 2 applications of brine at 2,500 gallons per mile for approx. 30 miles. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Resolution passed. Resolution #030325-1]
- [Robert Walton made a resolution, seconded by Thomas Reihl, to approve the gravel contract with the Road Commission for \$25,021.40 for 2 miles of gravel on Denver Rd. from Meridian Rd. to Whiteville Rd. and Crawford Rd. to Mission Rd. with the contingency that the Road Commission will use better gravel than in years past. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Resolution passed. Resolution #030325-2]
- The board unanimously agreed to interpret the Earned Sick Time Act exemptions to apply to all employees other than election workers, as they are not required to work a certain amount of hours and will not be penalized if they do not work those hours.
- Due to some misunderstandings with the lawncare bid, the board will table this until our next meeting.
- The board unanimously agrees to adjust the allocation of the EGLE Renewable Readiness grant to \$120,000 for the fire dept and \$77,500 for the park.
- The State of MI has put out a \$1,000 election security grant that clerk Kristin Derby is applying for.
- [Rick Ervin made a resolution, seconded by Robert Walton, to approve applying for the Par Plan Risk Reduction Grant for a LED solar stop sign on Lincoln Rd. at Weidman Rd. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Resolution passed. Resolution #030325-3]
- The board unanimously agrees to apply for 2% funds for Isabella Rd. from Rosebush Rd. to Vernon Rd. and to possibly join with Denver Township to apply for new Jaws for the Fire Dept.
- Rick Ervin will be meeting with John Prout and RJ Calkins about improvements to the enclosed pavilion.
- The next meeting will be our special budget hearing on March 17, 2025 at 7pm at the Hall.

**Public Comment:** A comment was made about solar stop signs at Weidman and Lincoln Rd.

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