

Isabella Township Regular Board Meeting

June 5, 2023

7:00 pm

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

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Rick Ervin.

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

Approval of Agenda: Thomas Reihl moved to approve agenda with additions of defibrillator and Rosebush Rd/Weidman Rd. Kristin Derby supported. Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read and reviewed from the May 1, 2023 regular business meeting. Thomas Reihl made a motion, seconded by Bob 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. They discussed having an open meeting or not. Neither MTA nor Council of Government meets the criteria of having public there.

Terry Ervin spoke of the Mogg family who did a great job cleaning up the cemetery and Brad Malley donated a load of screen of black dirt. The Road Commission cleaned up the ditches at the cemetery. Terry discussed not having the Men's Softball league this year in order to fix up the bottom ball diamond. The board was in agreement with him to take a year off of the league. The overhead door in the concession stand broke and Mt Pleasant Door came down and fixed it. The Township will pay for it since it is our building. Thomas Reihl brought up repainting and possibly repainting doors at the cemetery. Rick mentioned that Elliott made a mistake at the cemetery with blowing straw around graves and he was told to be more careful.

Assessor: Bill Strouse presented a land split for Norm Curtiss, parcel # 09-002-30-001-00. [Thomas Reihl made a resolution, seconded by Robert Walton to approve the land division as presented for parcel # 09-002-30-001-00. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved.]

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 \$760,949.96. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Motion passed.

Kristin Derby presented the bills. Rick Ervin made a motion, seconded by Thomas Reihl to pay checks #1335-#1364. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved to pay vouchers as presented. Motion passed.

Old Business

- At the last meeting, we discussed hiring lawyers Mike Homier or Laura Genovich from Foster and Swift. Both lawyers were discussed by the board and Kristin Derby made a motion to accept Mike Homier as our new lawyer, seconded by Thomas Reihl. A roll call vote was taken. Robert Walton-no; Linda Bechtel-yes; Thomas Reihl-yes; Kristin Derby-yes; Rick Ervin-yes. Motion passed.

Guest Speakers: Terry Hutchinson, our County Commissioner, spoke on a potential milage request that the County Commissioner's are considering. The milage levies the maximum amount that is allowable.

New Business:

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- Rick asked if we could purchase Thank You cards to send to those that have donated to or helped out the Township including this month: Brad Malley
- Curtiss Fox is getting a bid for sealing the walking track at the park as well as Sodbusters.
- Rick has gotten some calls on the brining of the roads and it was to be completed by 7pm that evening. They are a week ahead of schedule this year compared to last year.
- Rick discussed that we did receive 2% funding for Rosebush Rd from Summerton to the overpass and Weidman Rd from Lincoln Rd to Meridian Rd. The total project is \$408,906 for both roads and we paid \$25,000 from our fund and \$77,226 is coming from 2% funds. Apex and the Road Commission put in \$306,680 to fully fund the project.
- Rick talked to the playground company and they will be there on the 12th of June to finally complete repairs to the playground.
- The bleachers and chairs should be delivered Thursday.
- Kristin reported that we have switched to CMS for internet and are working on the phone lines. We discovered that we have a dedicated fax line that I believe we do not need. We agreed to cancel the fax line.
- Kristin presented a Fire Grant that is available for equipment for our fire fighters. Robert Walton made a motion to apply for the fire grant and Thomas Reihl supported. Motion passed.
- Kristin presented painting the hall. She received a bid for \$1,400. We decided to table the discussion until the next meeting.
- Kristin presented on possibly getting a lock with codes for the park pavilion. We decided to table this discussion.
- Kristin presented about taking a MTA class about when to contact a lawyer that is \$25. Rick made a motion to pay for the class, supported by Robert Walton. Motion passed.
- Bids were received for the Pavilion Coordinator from Carolyn Berger and Olivia Nelson. A bid was received for the Cleaning Contract by John Derby. Rick made a motion to accept John Derby's cleaning bid of supported by Robert Walton. Roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Motion passed.
- Robert Walton made a motion to accept the bid from Olivia Nelson for the Pavilion Coordinator position for \$75 per month, seconded by Thomas Reihl. Roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved.
- Rick talked about the fire department defibrillator that we will receive one from the fire department as ours is on back order.

Public Comment: Marg Horan and LouAnn talked about the lawnmowing and trimming they want done at the park. Louann mentioned that the men's room sign has been ripped off the men's door. Marg Horan asked about increasing the trash dump to more than once a week. Louann asked about cameras for the park. Louann asked if we could purchase thirteen mats to put under the swings and also talked about a ramp for the playscape. Louann asked about wooden bleachers standing on end, the board decided we can give the old bleachers to Lorraine Hoover. Marg asked about a FOIA we received for a voter e-pollbook. Chris talked about being upset about straw on the graves for Memorial Day. Bill Strouse mentioned that Board of Review will be July 18, 2023.

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

Meeting declared adjourned.