

**Isabella Township Meeting  
October 2, 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 September 5, 2023, regular business meeting. Thomas Reihl made a motion, seconded by Robert Walton, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Thomas Reihl and Robert Walton gave a recap of the Council of Government meeting which reported that the county will be moving forward with their milage. They will be at the Road Commission next month.

**Assessor:** Bill Strouse presented an Assessors Accessibility Policy. Rick made a motion, seconded by Thomas Reihl, to adopt the Assessing Accessibility Policy. Motion passed.

**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 \$835,060.09. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved. Motion passed.

Kristin Derby presented the bills. Thomas Reihl made a motion, seconded by Robert Walton to pay checks #1393-#1417. A roll call vote was taken. All board members in attendance approved to pay vouchers as presented. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

-Solar stop signs are on order, and we are splitting the cost with the Road Commission. The project should not exceed \$10,000.

-We applied for 2% funding for the cemetery driveway and for two miles on Meridian Rd. between Baseline Rd. and Weidman Rd. at the request of the Road Commission. The total cost is approx. \$30,000 for the cemetery and \$162,000 for Meridian Rd. The Township would be responsible for \$25,000 plus any 2% funding and the Road Commission will pay for the rest.

-We were awarded the Fire Equipment Grant for \$32,703 from the State of Michigan on 9/15/23. We were required to purchase the equipment by 9/30/23 which required a special Fire Board meeting. Isabella North-East Fire Dept paid the township \$32,703 to cover the cost of the purchase. The Township purchased the fire equipment and when we receive the grant money from the State, we will return that to the fire department.

-We received from the County an "All Hazard Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan." The county wants us to vote to join them in this plan. The board is in favor of this plan but wanted a little more information. Robert Walton made a resolution to adopt this plan with the contingency of Rick Ervin further investigating. If Rick Ervin finds that this is not a good plan, he is given the authority, by the board, to decline to sign the agreement. Thomas Reihl seconded. Motion passed. (Resolution 10-5-23)

-Kristin Derby will be changing our retirement contribution from a yearly deposit to a monthly deposit.

-We are still looking into cameras for the park. We are waiting to hear back from the camera companies.

**Public Comment:** Bob First asked about any future projects for Lincoln Rd. from Weidman Rd. to Jordan Rd. Richard from the village spoke about ideas for the drainage problems in the village. John Derby asked if the Road Commission came back out to smooth out the area of Rosebush Rd by the goat farm. Rick mentioned a private drive off of Shepherd Rd near Baseline that had the fire department out with huge holes that need to be fixed.

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