

Township of Ingham
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

July 18, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Minutes

MEETING CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Bruce Harris, Clerk Kathy LaGrow, Treasurer Holly Speck,
Trustee Barb Braman, Trustee David Harns

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Attorney Matt Kuschel was present at the request of the Board of Trustees.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident expressed concern regarding lack of wood stove ordinance in Ingham Township.

WIND ORDINANCE:

Motion by Harns, second by Braman to adopt Wind Energy Zoning Ordinance Amendments, Ordinance Number Z2022-1.

Vote: Ayes: Speck, LaGrow, Harris, Harns, Braman Nays: None Absent: None motion carries

CORRESPONDANCE: Donation from Swinger Family to Freer Park for landscape/trees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Speck, second by Braman to approve draft Regular Board Minutes of June 29,2022 and Special Meeting Minutes of July 13,2022, as submitted. All in favor, motion carries

CHANGES TO AGENDA: LaGrow request Freer Park donation to be added to New Business, Harns request wood stove complaint/ordinance issue to be added to New Business

REPORTS:

Sheriff: None

Assessor:

Board of Review July 19,2022, Principal Resident Exemptions are no longer brought before the Board of Review, instead, the Assessor can make determination anytime during the year, per Public Act 141 of 2022 State Tax Commission guidance.

Zoning: None

Freer Park: None

Planning Commission: None

Fire Department:

14 MFR and 7 Fire calls were made in June, thermos cameras have been purchased, Pinning Ceremony will be 7/24/2022 at 3 p.m.

2 Members will be attending MFR classes, starting in September

BOARD FORUM:

Supervisor None

Treasurer None

Clerk Approximately 750 Absentee Voter Applications have been sent, almost 300 have been returned request, with ballots being sent

Trustees None

PENDING BUSINESS:

No discussion or motions made. ARPA Fund discussion to continue to be added to agenda as Pending for August Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Freer Park Donation:

Thank you to the Swiger Family for the donation to Freer Park.

Motion by Harns, second by LaGrow, to add as Pending Business to the August Board of Trustee Agenda. All in favor, motion carries

Wood stove ordinance/complaint:

Trustee Harns requested information of the Board as to their knowledge of the complaint. Harris explained what the Zoning Commission has offered, LaGrow explained the options that were given to the resident to validate and file a nuisance complaint.

Roads:

Motion by LaGrow, second by Harns, if allowed by the new administration of the Road Commission, to carry over the 2022-2023 Budgeted Road funds to add to the 2023-2024 Budget Road Fund to allow for a greater portion of Potter Rd. to be repaired at once. If denied, discussion would be held during the August Meeting. All in favor, motion carries.

Harris asked attorney Matthew Kuschel to explain what impact this ordinance would have on the likelihood of prospective businesses suing the township. Kuschel explained that the entire year-long process was designed to take into account the property rights of all citizens in the township, including those who might be interested in siting wind turbines in Ingham Township. He also explained that this ordinance protects the health, safety, and security of Ingham Township residents by enacting appropriate safeguards while also allowing businesses to implement wind farms in Ingham Township as long as they follow the rules set forth in the ordinance.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Speck made motion, second by Braman, to re-adopt Final 2021-2022 Budget, as the technology issues were resolved, allowing for all Funds to Balance accurately and stated a one-year audit will be performed verses the required two year, to allow for corrections and education while still in the learning phase.

Vote: Ayes: Speck, LaGrow, Harris, Harns, Braman Nays: None Absent: None motion carries

SUBMISSION OF PAYABLES:

Motion by Harns, second by Braman to pay bills.

Vote: Ayes: Speck, LaGrow, Harris, Harns, Braman Nays: None Absent: None motion carries

ADJOURN:

Motion by Harns, second by Braman to adjourn, all in favor, meeting adjourned 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Kathy LaGrow, Clerk