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**Town of Ira
Board Meeting Minutes
Date: May 28, 2024**

Present: Jim Genovesi, Nathan Hewitt, Darin May, Jeff Davis, Karen Davis, Bob Toppin, Bobbi Raiche, Allyn Kahle, Lew Hoffman, Jerri Hoffman

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Review and approve agenda: Nathan made a motion to approve agenda, Darin 2nd; passed unanimously.

Warrant for bills: Darin made a motion to approve and sign the 5/28/24 warrant for bills, Nathan 2nd; passed unanimously.

Nathan made a motion to approve the 4/23//24 meeting minutes; Darin 2nd; passed unanimously.

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| Select Board | Appointment of Town Clerk Town Garage – Parker Water Wells | Karen’s resignation was effective today as of 6:00 pm. Karen has met with and debriefed Bobbi Raiche on the Town Clerk position. Nathan moved to appoint Bobbi Raiche as the Town Clerk effective immediately, Jim 2 nd ; Darin recused himself; passed unanimously. Town Office hours will change to 1:00-6:00 pm on Tuesdays and 9:30 am –2:30 pm on Thursdays. Parker Water Wells will start drilling Wednesday, May 29 th . |
| Treasurer Report | None | None |
| Listers | Letter to request an extension to file the 2024 Grand List | Jim signed the letter requesting the 30-day extension for filing of the 2024 Grand List. |
| Clerk Report | | None. |
| Highway Business | FY24 Grants in Aid project update FY25 Better Road Grant awarded General Road/equipment update | Culvert is in and ditching completed at 962 West Road. Jeff will complete the segment to MRGP standards and contact the state for final inspection. The price came in lower than bid. The Town was awarded a \$20,000 grant to complete four segments of ditching and culvert work on two sections on Birdseye Road and two sections on West Road. Truck needs brakes as the brakes are sticking. Bob Toppin recommended Avalanche Truck Service be contacted for this maintenance. Winter roads – Jeff stated that he does not want to plow winter roads with the current town truck. The board agreed to pre-buy road gravel with the remaining money left in this fiscal year’s gravel budget. Resident at 1766 West Road will be contacted as ditch has been completely plugged. |

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| <p>Committees and Public Comments (7:00 - 7:30 approximately)</p> | | <p>Bob Toppin stated that Jim Moore will no longer be helping on maintenance of the Town Hall and Ira Center School. Karen will contact Dave Kerstetter regarding finding someone to replace the fallen slates from the Town Hall roof.</p> <p>Allyn Kahle indicated regular times for pickleball are being proposed and will be posted in the Bird's Eye View. Vehicles have been parking on the pickleball court and the Board was asked if it was possible to rope or cone that section of the parking lot off. The Board felt it could not be blocked off as the parking lot is a 24/7 Park and Ride for which the town received grant money. The Board felt that putting up a sign indicating the area is used for pickleball would be okay.</p> <p>Allyn asked about getting the storm windows removed on the Town Hall to allow in fresh air. Board recommended using the Heat Pump to cool.</p> |
| <p>Maintenance & Repairs to Town Buildings</p> | <p>Report of maintenance concerns from monthly inspection by DHP</p> | <p>No report from Dave.</p> <p>Nathan brought up the fencing around the town office. It was initially put up to mark the border line. It was felt that as long as the corner pins are marked the fence could come down. Removing the fencing would save money on maintenance and mowing. Jim and Nathan will look for corner pins tonight.</p> <p>Karen received both a short and long application form for fire permit for the town garage addition. A building plan and associated cost will need to be submitted with the form. The form submitted will be dependent on the dollar amount.</p> |
| <p>Cemetery Committee</p> | <p>Work day June 15th</p> | <p>A cemetery workday has been scheduled for June 15th.</p> <p>Nathan indicated a new trimmer is needed and asked for approval to spend up to \$400 to buy new trimmer. Darin made a motion to approve spending up to \$400 on a new trimmer, Jim 2nd; passed unanimously.</p> |
| <p>New or Other Business</p> | | <p>RRPC has notified the Town that FEMA is in the early process of updating Ira Flood maps; RRPC will be conducting outreach and holding public informational meetings in the future. Bylaws are already in place.</p> |
| <p>Executive Session (legal, personnel, real estate)</p> | <p>None</p> | |
| <p>Adjourn</p> | | <p>Nathan made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm, Darin 2nd; passed unanimously.</p> |

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| In my capacity as the minute taker for the Ira Select Board, I certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of the approval minutes of the board meeting held on May 28, 2024. | | |

Recording: Jerri Hoffman