

Isle Harbor Township

Business Meeting, June 12, 2025

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Isle Harbor convened on this date at 8:05 pm on a 52° evening with a light rain. Sup Haggberg, Sup Wickeham, and Clerk McGuire were present with Sup Karels joining telephonically. Also present was the towns contractor, Phillip Habeck.

The clerk read the minutes from the previous meeting of May 8, 2025, and with no corrections, additions, or deletions, the minutes were approved as written by motion, second and unanimous passage.

The floor was then given to residents of two households from Woodward Lane to discuss concerns with a neighbor who may be using their property as a wedding venue, of sorts, and the issue it is causing with vehicles blocking the road and driveways. Additional concerns with privacy and security of their own homes and properties with the number of “guests” these events may draw in.

As the township does not regulate what businesses can be done from a home, that would be addressed with the county. What can be addressed is the issue with blocking the road by vehicles parking on Woodward Lane or Blair. Sup Haggberg stated that he can have a discussion with Sherriff Burton to bring awareness of this issue and encouraged residents that if they are blocked in or having other problems, they may call sheriff’s office for assistance. There is a state statute that makes it a misdemeanor to obstruct a road. Clerk will send out a letter to all residents in that area also.

The residents also wanted to discuss what is being planned for the trees in the middle of the turn around at the end of Woodward as they have noticed board members and contractors assessing. They would like to save the trees if possible. The board explained that what is happening is the roots of the trees are destroying the road and even if the roots were ground down to repair the road, it would only be a temporary fix and it would happen again, not to mention the damage that might do to the trees. The best option will likely be that those trees will have to be removed, but the board is willing to work with the residents to replace the trees with a different type of tree or shrub in the middle of the circle that is visually pleasing to them. This may also help with the issue of people parking within that circle.

The treasurer’s report then followed. Balances as of May 31, 2025, Savings: \$25,146.44, and Checking: \$190,026.40, for a total cash on hand of \$215,172.84. A breakdown of the

balance in each fund was also provided. The cash control statement along with the current bank statement were presented for review and signature from the board.

Motion made by Sup Wickeham, second by Sup Karels to pay all bills, motion passed and the following orders were presented and executed: for payroll, #5004 for \$167.38, #5005 for \$115.44, #5006 for \$422.50, #5007 for \$69.26. Other claims, #5008 in the amount of \$590.55 payable to Karels Hardware for lawnmower purchase, #5009 in the amount of \$2,800.00 payable to SKL Tree Service for tree removal along roads and dead trees at town hall, and #5010 in the amount of \$11,910.00 payable to RC Habeck Excavating for road and culvert maintenance. Total disbursements for June, 2025, \$16,075.13.

In road status, Habeck reported that our stock pile of gravel has been depleted and there are still a few roads requiring gravel. Approval was given by the board to purchase enough to finish the roads. Magnesium to be done with cost of approximately \$18,000. Sup Haggberg stated he is not getting a call back from company that provided that quote and may need to contact another company in order to get it completed timely. In other road status, there is an ongoing issue with illegal dumping on 60th.

In new business, Clerk McGuire reported that SCI has been sold to Midcontinent Communications. A resolution is needed to “transfer” the Franchise Agreement the town has with Savage Communications to Midcontinent. Motion made by Sup Karels, second by Sup Haggberg, and unanimous passage of Resolution 2025-06-12-1 Consent to Assignment of Franchise.

New township maps are available from MN Dept. of Transportation. Maps are 26x36 and are \$1.50 each plus shipping of \$3.50. Board approved ordering of 8 maps. Clerk will complete order form. The 2024 demographics were received with a population count of 545, and household count of 240.

Current correspondence includes LTAP newsletter and ECE statement showing credit of \$478.51.

With no additional business at hand, motion made, second, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 pm, given unto my hand, on this date, so attest,

Clerk

Chair