

February 1, 2023

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

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BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

Commissioners Present in person: Huebel, Dutcher, Finley, Loeffler, and O'Farrell.

Absent: None.

Vacant: None.

Also Present: Nancy Huebel, County Clerk; Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff; Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services; Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director; Cathy Anderson, Iosco County Treasurer; Ron Whitney, Veterans' Service Officer; Brian Golden, Jail Administrator; Chris Martin, Baldwin Township Supervisor

**Meeting called to order after a five-minute recess following the Full Board meeting.**

### **New Business:**

None.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director – Veterans' Affairs Board Appointments**

**Iosco County has received three letters of interest for the two open positions on the Veterans' Affairs Board. The Board of Commissioners would like to interview each candidate after a board meeting. Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary, will schedule these interviews for after the Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.**

#### **County Controller's Report: Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director**

- **The mold in the Annex Building was remediated by Serv-Pro.**
- **MAC and Consumers Energy –**
  - **Rate Case approved but Hardy Dam Spillway was denied.**
  - **Consumers Energy asked local units of government what they can contribute financially. A special assessment would be needed to maintain the dams by the local government. This assessment will not**

work due to the land the dams are on being owned by the Federal/State government or owned by Consumers Energy.

- Carruthers-Soboleski met with Representative Hoadley regarding the situation with Consumers Energy.
- Planning Commission will meet next week. The Iosco County Master Plan needs to be updated.
- Scott Frank, Iosco County Sheriff, and Carruthers-Soboleski are working on the Humane Society Lease and Service Agreement and will bring more information to the next Committee of the Whole.
- The Blight Grant was submitted Monday and the Housing Grant is due next week.

**Any Other Matters:**

**Ron Whitney, Veterans' Service Officer** – Cabinets, desks, etc. in the new Veterans' Affairs Building needs to be out by Friday. If they are not, Whitney is going to advertise to sell them.

**Finley** – Salvage Yard in Goodar Township, Ogemaw County – Requests a letter of concern to send to Ogemaw County Board and State Representatives regarding possible environmental impact and contamination of the Salvage Yard.

**Public Comments:**

**Chris Martin, Baldwin Township Supervisor** – EGLE has stringent rules regarding salvage yards.

**Claims and Accounts:** Bills reviewed and approved Huebel, Dutcher, and Finley in the amount of \$97,227.17 for the year 2023 and 14,906.39 for the year 2022.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

Nancy Huebel  
Iosco County Clerk

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR February 15, 2023**