

Hamilton Township Board
January 11, 2022
7:00 p.m. - Hamilton Township Hall

1. Call to Order/Pledge

The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Mott. Also Present: Treasurer Sandra Hanson, and Trustees Karen Makay and Richard Conway. Supervisor Druskovich was absent. There were nine guests present.

Motion by Conway, second by Hanson, to allow Trustee Makay to run the meeting. Motion carried.

2. Limited Public Comments

None.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: New Business c) Board of Review Training. Deletions: None

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Hanson, second by Conway, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the December 14, 2021, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for December - Cash Balances as of 12/31/21: General Fund - \$294,829.99; Road Fund - \$10,644.69; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$8,101.76.
- c) Payment of Bills

Motion by Conway, second by Hanson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

6. Old Business

- a) **Snow Removal Contract** – Motion by Conway, second by Hanson to table the discussions until the February 8th Board meeting. Motion carried.
- b) **Grounds maintenance contract** – Motion by Hanson, second by Conway to table the discussions until the February 8th Board meeting. Motion carried.
- c) **NFPI - FEMA** – Nothing new to report.
- d) **Grange Hall Track** – Townhall meetings will be scheduled sometime in early 2022 to discuss ideas for the property.
- e) **Hunting on Township Property** – Townhall meetings will be scheduled sometime in early 2022 to discuss ideas for the property.
- f) **Open Field Project** – Nothing new to report.
- g) **Neighborhood Watch** – Currently 952 members on the Facebook page. Zoom meeting scheduled for April 3, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
- h) **Road Recertification** – Noting new to report.
- i) **County website/Township website** – County website address is www.vanburencountymi.gov. Information is in the process of being gathered to move forward with the Township website.
- j) **Covid Relief Funds** – Updates have been received; they will be reviewed by the board.
- k) **Sexton contract** – Nothing new to report.

7. New Business

- a) **2022 Assessment notice - postage** – Motion by Hanson, second by Conway, to approve the printing and mailing of assessment notices by KCI for an amount up to \$600.00. Motion carried.
- b) **Solar Zoning Ordinance** – Motion by Conway, second by Hanson, to approve Ordinance No. 01/01-12-2022, An Ordinance to add definitions related to solar energy; to add Large Solar Energy Facility (LSEF) as a Special Exception Use in the AG Agricultural district, I-1 Industrial district and M Manufacturing District Zoning Classifications; to set forth parameters for consideration by the planning commission; to provide for an effective date of the amendment; and to repeal all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict therewith. Roll call: Hanson – Yes, Mott – Yes, Conway – Yes, Makay – Yes. Motion carried. (A copy of the ordinance is attached and made a part of these minutes.) The ordinance will become effective thirty days from the date of publication in the Decatur Republican.
- c) **Board of Review Training** – Motion by Hanson, second by Conway to approve Board of Review Training for an amount up to \$300.00. Motion carried.

8. **Reports**

Treasurer – Tax collections to date

Clerk - Nothing to report

Zoning – Planning Commission special exemption for a property on 84th street; runoff calls received

County - Commissioner Hanson gave various updates on county business

Planning – Wedding Venue Ordinance; meeting to be scheduled

Senior Services – Moved into new building in South Haven; Meeting scheduled for January 19, 2022

Sheriff – Deputy Torres – Presented call statistics for the previous month

Roads- Tree removal and cleanup projects on CR 687 and CR 681

Grange Hall– Winterization has been completed; rentals scheduled for 2022

9. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Conway, second by Hanson, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk