

Hamilton Township Board
April 12, 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 Supervisor Druskovich. Also Present: Clerk Rebecca Mott, Treasurer Sandra Hanson, and Trustees Richard Conway and Karen Makay. There were nineteen guests present.

2. Limited Public Comments

- a) Kevin Kusmack discussed the Solar Presentation to be held at the Decatur Township Hall at 7:00 p.m on Wednesday April 13, 2021.
- b) Carly Napier discussed her interest for more information to move forward with a wedding venue in Hamilton Township.
- c) James Abshagen showed support for Kusmack Lawn Care for the Hamilton Township grounds maintenance contract.
- d) VBCD Presentation – The Conservation District discussed options and prices for moving forward with the open field project.

Motion by Conway, second by Makay to approve funding for the project as presented by the Van Buren Conservation District. Motion carried.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the March 8, 2022, meeting minutes as presented.
 - March Regular Board Meeting
 - AMAR Special Meeting
- b) Monthly Budget Report for March - Cash Balances as of 03/31/22: General Fund - \$345,134.77; Road Fund - \$91,840.89; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$19,380.72
- c) Payment of Bills
- d) Van Buren Co Road Commission – Weight restrictions removed

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

6. Old Business

- a) **NFPI – FEMA - meetings** – Reclassification of zones that do not affect Hamilton Township at this time.
- b) **Grange Hall Track** – Tabled Indefinitely.
- c) **Hunting on township property** – Town hall meetings were held and five people attended. Tabled at this time.
- d) **Open Field Project** – The Conservation District presented options and prices for the Boards consideration. Maps to be presented at the May 10, 2022, meeting.
- e) **Neighborhood Watch** – Currently 1,101 members on the Facebook page. There will possibly be an in-person meeting sometime in June. Contact Jaime Stone-McEnaney at littlefish664@hotmail.com for more information.
- f) **County Website/Township Website** – County website address is www.vanburencountymi.gov. Township website address is www.hamiltontownshipmi.org. Discussed what needs to be added to the website to keep it up to date.
- g) **Covid Relief funds - ARPA** – First half of covid funds have been received. Acceptable uses for the funds are still being discussed including installing high speed internet to those that do not currently have it. Budgets are due to the Treasury Department by April 30, 2022.
- h) **Sexton** – David Wiles will continue as sexton. Duties as the Sexton have been discussed and a contract will be completed.
- i) **Grounds maintenance contract** – Supervisor Druskovich asked for nominations for a temporary chairperson.

Motion by Hanson, second by Makay to open nominations and to nominate Trustee Conway as the temporary chairperson. Motion carried.

Trustee Conway took control of the meeting at 7:21 p.m. and announced the decision by the committee to choose Kusmack Lawn Care and present this recommendation to the Board.

Motion by Makay, second by Hanson to accept the bid from Kusmack Lawn Care for the Grounds maintenance contract. Motion carried.

Supervisor Druskovich took back control of the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

j) **VBCC Historical society and museum county poorhouse** – Tabled until the May 10, 2022, meeting.

7. **New Business**

a) **Senior Services Millage** - Tabled until the May 10, 2022, meeting.

b) **Driveway seal and repair** – The Township has received a proposal from Arnt Asphalt Sealing Inc to repair the parking lot.

Motion by Makay, second by Conway to approve the proposal from Arnt Asphalt Sealing Inc. Motion carried.

c) **QR Millage Language** – A Resolution to approve ballot language for extra-voted millage for the Decatur-Hamilton Fire Department Quick Response.

Motion by Makay, second by Hanson to approve the ballot language for extra-voted millage for the Decatur-Hamilton Fire Department Quick Response. Motion carried.

8. **Reports**

Supervisor – FEMA meetings; Road Commission road tour and maps; CR 681 road work; Frost Laws; Conservation District meetings; Hunting on township property meetings; Dust control on roads; Roads budget

Treasurer – Tax collections at the Township are complete

Clerk - Nothing to report

County - Commissioner Hanson gave various updates on county business

Planning – Planning meeting scheduled for June 13, 2022

Sheriff – 17 calls for March 2022; Important to keep your vehicle doors locked at all times; Scrap metal thefts on the rise; One pot meth labs on the rise, call the sheriffs office if you suspect you have found one

Fire Board/Quick Response – Lost one member due to training issues; Currently 44 members; New QR truck to be ready in less than a year

Grange Hall – Rodent issues; Back door repairs; New outdoor security lights to be installed

Roads- Seal coating; Fog sealing; Deburming; Call dispatch at 269-674-8011 for weather related issues and downed trees or Supervisor Druskovich at 269-423-7866

Sexton – Cemetery clean up needs to be completed by April 15, 2022

Conservation District – Contact them at 269-657-4030 ext 5 for information on available programs and resources for our area

Zoning – Digital zoning book in process for the website; Contact Bob May for Zoning Permits 269-423-2637

9. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Conway, second by Makay, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk