

Hamilton Township Board
May 10, 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 Trustee Richard Conway. Trustee Karen Makay was excused. There were six guests present.

2. Limited Public Comments

None.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: New Business: d) Senior Services Millage

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the April 12, 2022, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for April - Cash Balances as of 04/30/22: General Fund - \$286,579.98; Road Fund - \$104,512.09; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$21,331.56.
- c) Payment of Bills

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

6. Old Business

- a) **NFPI – FEMA - meetings** – 2 meetings held, nothing new to report at this time.
- b) **Grange Hall Track** – Tabled Indefinitely.
- c) **Low building site** – Neighbors concerns discussed on a property located on 84th Street.
- d) **Open Field Project** – The invoice has been received for the project with a total cost of \$11,662.12. Work to begin sometime in June 2022.
- 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.
- h) **Broadband Mapping** – DCS Technology has developed a parcel level GIS-based map of broadband availability in Van Buren County and is nearly complete to determine who is still in need of high-speed internet.
- i) **Dump Day** – Dump Day was a huge success. A special thank you to Emily Hickmott, Chris Tapper, Village of Decatur Public Works staff and all the volunteers.
- j) **VBCC Historical society and museum county poorhouse** – Van Buren County Historical Society and Museum donation.

Motion by Conway, second by Hanson, to approve a donation to the Van Buren County Historical Society and Museum in the amount of \$500.00. Motion carried.

- k) **QR Millage** – Millage had to be pulled from the August 2022 ballot and moved to the November 8, 2022, ballot.

Motion by Hanson, second by Conway, to approve the QR Millage resolution be added to the November 8, 2022, ballot.

Motion carried.

- l) **Special Events Zoning** – Sending back to the Planning Commission for further consideration. Tabled indefinitely.

7. New Business

- a) **VBCD Contract** – Van Buren County Resource Recovery and Recycling Contract contribution.

Motion by Conway, second by Hanson, to approve a contribution to the Van Buren County Resource Recovery and Recycling Program in the amount of \$500.00. Motion carried.

- b) **AMAR Plan** – Board of Review Plan for assessments is complete.
- c) **Fireworks** – Forth of July fireworks donation.

Motion by Hanson, second by Conway, to approve a donation for the Forth of July fireworks to the Village of Decatur in the amount of \$500.00. Motion carried.

- d) **Senior Services Millage** – The Board discussed the cost estimates for Hamilton Township at the 1 mil that has been proposed for the upcoming millage. Hamilton Township supports Senior Services through the end of 2022 with the current .25 mil and the residents should receive all the benefits and services that are available to other Townships. The Board discussed other options available to Hamilton Township residents and will continue discussions at the next regular meeting.

8. **Reports**

Supervisor – Low building site; QR millage; Road tour; Parking lot upgrades; Dump Day with a possible 2nd dump day in September; Two open field meetings with the Conservation District

Treasurer – Summer taxes not yet started; Township Hall yard clean up completed, mulch needed in spots

Clerk - Nothing to report

County - Commissioner Hanson gave various updates on county business

Planning – Planning meeting scheduled for June 13, 2022

Sheriff – 28 calls for the township in April; catalytic converter thefts are high

Fire Board/Quick Response – New Truck being built; Training; Decatur Hamilton Auxiliary fundraisers and projects

Grange Hall – Termite inspection to take place

Roads- Seal coating; Dust control; Fog sealing; Deburming; Drive-way tubes are no longer being supplied; Call dispatch at 269-674-8011 for weather related issues and downed trees or Supervisor Druskovich at 269-423-7866

Conservation District – Contact them at 269-657-4030 ext. 5 for information on available programs and resources for our area; Focusing on recycling and water quality; Discussions on finding property for a more central location for recycling

Zoning – Five zoning permits issued; Two rejected permits; 84th Street Property discussion; Complaint on a property on 54th Street

Senior Services – Discussions on the millage proposals for November 2022

9. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Conway, second by Hanson, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk