

**Hamilton Township Board**  
**June 21, 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**

Matt Nilson – Candidate for State Representative

**3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

Additions: New Business: j) Storm damage work bill

**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 May 10, 2022, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for May - Cash Balances as of 05/31/22: General Fund - \$279,759.93; Road Fund - \$104,516.67; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$21,332.49.
- c) Payment of Bills

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

**6. Old Business**

- a) **NFPI – FEMA - meetings** – Nothing new to report. Tabled.
- b) **Open Field Project** – Field has been plowed. Waiting on seeding. Will walk through a site plan.
- c) **Neighborhood Watch** - Contact Jaime Stone-McEnaney at [littlefish664@hotmail.com](mailto:littlefish664@hotmail.com) for more information.
- d) **Covid relief funds – ARPA** – Waiting to receive the second half of the funds.
- e) **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.
- f) **Special Events Zoning** – Currently not allowed in agricultural areas. The Townships attorney will be consulted to possibly move forward with other options. Tabled indefinitely.

**7. New Business**

- a) **Budget** – The budget hearing is scheduled for June 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hamilton Township Hall.
- b) **Audit report** – The State is requesting more information on how the Township does Audits. The Townships attorney is being consulted on how to respond back to the State.
- c) **Tree Removal** – An estimate was received for a tree removal on 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The board agreed to allow Supervisor Druskovich to make a final determination on the cost of the tree removal project.
- d) **Truth In taxation and Budget Meeting** – A meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hamilton Township Hall.
- e) **Building inspector** – The Township is in the process of looking for a new building inspector.
- f) **Electrical inspector** – The Township is in the process of looking for a new electrical inspector.
- g) **Census review** – The Township is waiting on final numbers from the Census review.
- h) **BOR Meeting** – A meeting will be held on July 19, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. to correct any clerical error or mutual mistake of fact relative to the 2021 & 2022 Assessment Roll.
- i) **Fire Department Millage Renewal** – The Townships attorney is working on millage renewal language for the November 08, 2022, ballot.
- j) **Storm damage work bill** – A bill was received from a local contractor who was dispatched for storm damage clean up. The bill has been given to the Road Commission and will be discussed with the board on who will be responsible for paying it.

**8. Reports**

**Supervisor** – FEMA; Conservation District projects; Broadband mapping progress; Cemetery tree clean-up; Five-year master plan

**Treasurer** – Delinquent tax check received from the County; Hall rentals

**Clerk** – Budget; Election preparations

**County** - Commissioner Hanson gave various updates on county business; local storm damage updates

**Planning** – Planning meeting rescheduled for July 11, 2022

**Sheriff** – 40 calls for the township in May

**Fire Board/Quick Response** – New truck being built; Annual Fire Board meeting was held on June 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the fire hall

**Grange Hall** – Hall rentals; needed repairs

**Roads**- Big thank you to the Van Buren County Road Commission for their work cleaning up the storm damage; Dust control applied; 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; Annual meeting being held on July 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the Wolf Lake State fish Hatchery in Mattawan

**9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Conway, second by Hanson, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk