

Hamilton Township Board
July 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 seven guests present.

2. Limited Public Comments

None.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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 June 14, 2022, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for June - Cash Balances as of 06/30/22: General Fund - \$364,436.13; Road Fund - \$112,059.61; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$17,664.04.
- c) Payment of Bills

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

6. Old Business

- a) **NFPI – FEMA - meetings** – Supervisor Druskovich will attend a flood insurance webinar in August.
- b) **Open Field Project** – Field has been plowed and seeded. Thank you to Lucas Hartman for his help with this project.
- c) **Neighborhood Watch** – Currently 1,140 members on the Facebook page. An in-person meeting was held on June 22, 2022, at the Red Wolfe Pavilion with four people in attendance. The next meeting has not been scheduled at this time. Contact Jaime Stone-McEnaney at nw49045@outlook.com for more information.
- d) **Covid relief funds – ARPA** – The second half of the funds have been received.
- e) **Broadband Mapping** – DCS Technology has developed a parcel level GIS-based map of broadband availability in Van Buren County to determine who is still in need of high-speed internet. This project has been slowed down because of the recent storms.
- f) **Building inspector** – Supervisor Druskovich is looking into options for a new building inspector and will have more information for the Board at the next meeting.
- g) **Electrical inspector** – Supervisor Druskovich is looking into options for a new electrical inspector and will have more information for the Board at the next meeting.
- h) **Census Review** – Supervisor Druskovich contacted the Townships attorney and they replied that we do not qualify.
- i) **BOR meeting** – A Board of Review 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.
- j) **Fire Dept & QR Millage decision** – The Townships attorney will give a presentation at the September meeting to discuss the Fire Dept and QR Millage requirements to move forward.
- k) **Storm damage bill** – The Township received a bill for storm clean up from Shindeldecker Earthworks LLC.

Motion by Conway, second by Makay, to pay a portion of the bill for the emergency clean up services completed during the last storm by Shindeldecker Earthworks LLC in the amount of \$1000.00 with the understanding that any future bills presented to the Township without expressed permission of the Township and/or the Road Commission for any such work will be the solo responsibility of the person completing such work. Motion carried.

7. New Business

- a) **MTA dues** – The Township received an invoice from the Michigan Townships Association.

Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to approve the annual renewal of the Michigan Township Association for dues and online learning. Motion carried.

- b) **Election committee** – The Election committee held their meeting at 6:45 p.m. before the regular scheduled meeting.
Motion by Hanson, second by Druskovich, to set the hourly rate for the election inspector chairperson at \$16.00 per hour and election inspectors and receiving board members at \$15.00 per hour as recommended by the Township Election Commission.
Motion carried.
- c) **Insurance renewal** – A copy of the Townships current insurance policy will be reviewed by the Townships attorney to ensure there is sufficient coverage.
- d) **FOIA requests** – Michigan’s FOIA provides that persons can receive copies or make inspections of most public records upon written request. The person must sufficiently describe the records they seek. The Township may charge a fee to cover the cost of complying with a person’s FOIA request.

8. Reports

- Supervisor** – Burning permits required for anything over 5ft in diameter; Storm damage tree clean-up; Dump Day invoice and discussions on future dump day plans; Van Buren County Museum storm damage
- Treasurer** – Tax bills sent out; Hall rentals
- Clerk** – Election preparations
- County** - Commissioner Hanson gave various updates on county business; local storm damage updates
- Planning** – Planning meeting held on Monday July 11, 2022; movable storage containers; Solar ordinance subcommittee formed; Solar subcommittee to be paid for meetings
Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to pay the Planning commission solar subcommittee for meetings. Motion carried.
- Sheriff** – 61calls for the township in June
- Fire Board/Quick Response** – New grass rig call; Budget discussion
- Grange Hall** – Hall rentals; Grange Hall dances will resume and will be held on October 8,2022 and November 5, 2022
- Roads**- 92nd Ave tree removal; Driveway permit requirements; Chip sealing; Dust control; Call dispatch at 269-674-8011 for weather related issues and downed trees or Supervisor Druskovich at 269-423-7866
Motion by Makay, second by Conway, to allow Supervisor Druskovich to make a decision on the 92nd Ave tree removal project. Motion carried.
- Assessor** – Hardship clarifications
- Senior Services** – Paw Paw Senior Services located at the Fresh Water Church will close in September; Millage discussions
- Conservation District** – Annual meeting being held on July 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the Wolf Lake State fish Hatchery in Mattawan; Contact them at 269-657-4030 ext. 5 for information on available programs and resources for our area

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Makay, second by Conway, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk