

Hamilton Township Board
September 13, 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 eight guests present.

2. Limited Public Comments

None.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the August 09, 2022, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for August - Cash Balances as of 08/31/22: General Fund - \$352,212.14; Road Fund - \$58,026.26; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$6598.82.
- c) Payment of Bills
- d) Van Buren County Snow Removal Bids Notice

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

6. Old Business

- a) **NFPI – FEMA - meetings** – Nothing new to report.
- b) **Open Field Project** – The field is coming along nicely. Lucas from the Conservation District is keeping track of what needs to be done and when.
- c) **Neighborhood Watch** – Currently 1,200 members on the Facebook page. 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. Working on a budget for October.
- e) **Broadband Mapping** – Mapping has been completed. Hamilton Township has 113 residents who are still in need of internet services. Funding options are being discussed.
- f) **Building inspector** – Supervisor Druskovich recommended to the Board that the Township stay with the current building inspector at this time. The Board agreed.
- g) **Electrical inspector** – Supervisor Druskovich is looking into options for a new electrical inspector. He asked for approval from the Board to get cost estimates from Safeway. The Board agreed.
- h) **Senior Services – Options** – The Board is looking into options to move forward with the Senior Services Program for Hamilton Township. More information to come.
- i) **Savion Solar Project Update** – The Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on October 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. to be followed by a special planning meeting at 7:00 p.m. Savion applied for their special exception use permit in June of 2022. A sight plan review was required. All applications were reviewed by the planning commission and the Townships lawyer.

7. New Business

- a) **QR Discussion & Clarification** – Supervisor Druskovich gave more information and clarification on the Special Assessment Roll for Fire Protection and Quick Response Services.
- b) **Resolution to approve rolls and levy taxes for LOW aquatic plant control** –
Motion by Makay, second by Conway, to approve the Lake of the Woods Aquatic Plant Control and Weed Control Special Assessment at \$50.00 and \$100.00 per parcel. Motion carried. (A copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.)

- c) **Resolution to approve rolls and levy taxes for Fire Dept. and QR Dept –**
Motion by Hanson, second by Conway, to approve the Fire Protection and Quick Response Services Special Assessment at 2.0mills for fire services and 1.5 mills for quick response services. Motion carried.

8. Reports

Supervisor – Barking dog complaints on the lake; M-51 property complaints; Open field project; Road Commission mowing of road shoulders; Fire services and QR resolution

Treasurer – Thank you letter from Van Buren Historical Society; 75% of summer taxes collected

Clerk – Nothing to report

Zoning – One permit issued; Solar ordinance zoning

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

Planning – Movable storage container use considerations and discussion

Sheriff – 53 calls for the township in August.

Fire Board/Quick Response – New truck; Fire Jamboree at the school; Active shooter training at the school; Fire Auxiliary fundraiser

Grange Hall – The Grange Hall dance to be held on October 8,2022 has been cancelled, the dance on November 5, 2022, will still be held

Roads- Road striping; Call dispatch at 269-674-8011 for weather related issues and downed trees or Supervisor Druskovich at 269-423-7866

Conservation District – Bottle cap benches; Lantern fly issues; Contact them at 269-657-4030 ext. 5 for information on available programs and resources for our area

9. Adjournment

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

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk