

Hamilton Township Board
October 11, 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 sixteen 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 September 13, 2022, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for September - Cash Balances as of 09/30/22: General Fund - \$337,832.49; Road Fund - \$58,028.65; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$3,978.71.
- 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** – Nothing new to report.
- b) **Open Field Project** – The field has been mowed. Lucas from the Conservation District is keeping track of what needs to be done and when.
- c) **Neighborhood Watch** – Currently 1,300 members on the Facebook page. Jaime is looking for volunteers to help with upkeep of the Facebook page and meetings. If interested, please contact Jaime Stone-McEnaney at nw49045@outlook.com for more information.
- d) **Covid relief funds – ARPA** – Working on a budget for the funds.
- 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. Grants may be available.
- f) **Building inspector** – Scott Saunders introduced himself as the Building Inspector for Silver Creek, Keeler and Pokagon Townships. He explained a new cloud-based system for building and zoning applications and inspections.
- g) **Electrical inspector** – Safeway Inspections has been contacted for information. The state will need to be contacted before any decisions are made and the Townships lawyer will be involved.
- h) **Savion Solar Project Update** – Savion, LLC. applied for their special exception use permit in June of 2022. Tim Conboy, Development Director at Savion, LLC. introduced himself and gave a brief overview of the project. Supervisor Druskovich discussed different aspects of the project and answered questions.

7. New Business

- a) **LOW Buoys** – Supervisor Druskovich was contacted by the Lake of the Woods Association regarding buoy removal. The Township wasn't aware that it was responsible for buoy removal. The township will research who is responsible for removal and respond to the Lake of the Woods Association.

8. Reports

Supervisor – Open field project; Solar Program; Wind turbines; Storage containers; Cell towers; QR siren going off/frequency issues

Treasurer – Winter taxes going out December 01, 2022; Two Township rentals scheduled; Meeting between Hamilton and Lawrence townships about Senior Services on October 24, 2022

Clerk – Election Committee meeting; Drop box requirements

Zoning – Five permits issued; Two zoning violations

County - Commissioner Hanson gave various updates on County business; Snow bids; VBCO Historical Museum architect; Traffic radar sign for the sheriff's office

Planning – Solar Project meeting held on October 10, 2022

Sheriff – 52 calls for the township in September

Fire Board/Quick Response – Village of Decatur approved the assessment roll; Article in the paper for QR assessment clarification; New fire truck about a year out; Two new explorers for emergency services

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 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Assessor – The Township Assessor will attend the November monthly meeting to discuss parcel review

Roads- The Van Buren Road Commission is back to 5 days a week; Stop signs on CR 352 and 681 maintenance; Call dispatch at 269-674-8011 for weather related issues and downed trees or Supervisor Druskovich at 269-423-7866

Senior Services – The Board is looking into options to combine with other Townships to make a strong program for our residents

Conservation District – Recycling collection October 15, 2022, at the VB ISD Conference Center from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Contact the Conservation District 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 8:10 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk