

Hamilton Township Board
February 14, 2023
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 Conway, second by Makay, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the January 10, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for January - Cash Balances as of 01/31/23: General Fund - \$275,291.29; Road Fund - \$60,083.45; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$5,878.58.
- c) Payment of Bills
- d) Citizen Planner Class

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

6. Old Business

- a) **NFPI – FEMA - meetings** – Noting new to report.
- b) **Open Field Project** – A walk through is scheduled for April.
- c) **Neighborhood Watch** – Currently 1,313 members on the Facebook page. Jaime is looking for volunteers to help with upkeep of the Facebook page and meetings. Will possibly hold a meeting in May 2023. If interested, please contact Jaime Stone-McEnaney at nw49045@outlook.com for more information.
- d) **Covid relief funds – ARPA** – A budget has been made and was discussed by the Board.
Motion by Hanson, second by Makay, to approve the ARPA Budget. Motion carried.
- e) **Broadband Mapping** – The Township will contribute \$50,000.00 from the ARPA funds towards the Townships completion of installing broadband services to those still in need.
- f) **Savion Solar Project Update** – Project is on track with the exception of a few things Decatur Township still needs to finalize.
- g) **Electrical Updates** – The Townships attorney will work on a contract with Safebuilt for inspection services.
- h) **Senior Services** – The Township has partnered with Paw Paw Township and Lawrence Township Senior Services. Please see the Hamilton Township website at hamiltontownshipmi.org for information on all the exciting activities and meals available to our residents.
- i) **HVAC Updates** – All updates have been completed and are working well.
- j) **Assessor Review** – The contract with Appraisals Plus Group LLC has been signed and returned. The Assessor review of Hamilton Township properties will start sometime in July 2023.
- k) **Road Millage Update** – 1.0 mill was assessed on the winter taxes instead of the approved 2.0 mills. The County will make the necessary adjustments of the remaining 1.0 mill and add it to the summer taxes.
- l) **Safe Built Update** – The Townships attorney will review resolutions for fee schedules and the Board will have them for review at the next meeting.

7. New Business

- a) **Facebook** – The Township is looking into setting up a Facebook page to share information. This would be for sharing information with the community only and not for conversations.

Motion by Conway, second by Makay, to approve setting up a Facebook page to share information only. Motion carried.

- b) **BOR Dates** – The Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. for an Organizational Meeting, Monday, March 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Appointments are Required. Contact the Assessor at 269-655-1144 or by email at ben.apgllc@gmail.com for further information.
- c) **Deputy Clerk** – Clerk Mott is to name a Deputy.
- Motion by Makay, second by Conway, to approve Clerk Mott finding a Deputy Clerk. Motion carried.

8. Reports

Supervisor – Territorial Road work by Keeler; 76th St tree down; Road to Goat Island on LOW; Road Comm tree work; QR/Fire Audit

Treasurer – 96% of summer taxes have been collected, 72% of winter taxes collected

Clerk – Noting to report

Planning – Nothing to report

County Commissioner – Tina Leary – Veterans Services; Broadband grant; Supervisor Druskovich named to the Land Preservation Board

Sexton – David Wiles will continue plowing the cemetery when needed

Sheriff – 11 calls received for the month of January

Fire Board/Quick Response – QR/Fire Audit; Conservation District truck fire; QR vehicle delivery; Over 600 calls to QR in 2022

Grange Hall – Rentals scheduled for March and April 2023

Roads – Road Tour scheduled for March; New Road Commission Director; CR 352 Project; Call dispatch at 269-674-8011 for weather related issues and downed trees or Supervisor Druskovich at 269-423-7866

Senior Services – Hamilton Township has partnered with the Paw Paw and Lawrence Townships Senior Citizen Programs

Conservation District – Farming for the Future Program; Summer education programs; Catalytic converter thefts; Retirements and Job changes; 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 7:46 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk