

**Hamilton Township Board**  
**March 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 Trustee Karen Makay. Trustee Richard Conway was excused. There were eleven guests present.

**2. Limited Public Comments**

Sheriff Abbott spoke about statistics for calls for the Van Buren County Sheriffs Office for 2022. Bret Witkowski introduced himself as the new Managing Director for the Van Buren County Road Commission.

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

None.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

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

**5. Consent Agenda**

- a) Approval of the February 14, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for February - Cash Balances as of 02/28/23: General Fund - \$323,739.73; Road Fund - \$32,650.02; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$14,128.97.
- c) Payment of Bills

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

**6. Old Business**

- a) **NFPI – FEMA - meetings** – Supervisor Druskovich attended a flood plain expansion meeting.
- b) **Open Field Project** – Walk throughs are scheduled for spring. Discussions on what to plant and when.
- c) **Neighborhood Watch** – Currently 1,323 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](mailto:nw49045@outlook.com) for more information.
- d) **Covid relief funds – ARPA** – The current budget was reviewed by the Board.
- 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. Looking into grant options.
- f) **Savion Solar Project Update** – A representative from Savion gave updates on the solar project.
- g) **Deputy Clerk Update** – Clerk Mott has found someone interested in the Deputy Clerk position and will present more information to the Board at the next meeting.
- h) **Safe Built Update** – The Townships Attorney will continue working with Safe Built to ensure everything is completed correctly.

**7. New Business**

- a) **Resource Recovery Day** – Community Dump Day will be held on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Any questions please contact the Village of Decatur at 269-423-6114 or the Van Buren Conservation District at 269-633-9314. Discussion on holding more than one collection per year.
- b) **Economic Survey – U of M** – Supervisor Druskovich completed the yearly survey from U of M for Hamilton Township.

**8. Reports**

**Supervisor** – U of M Survey; Farming for the Future Program; Broadband; Township Road Conditions; Tax increase inquiries; Township HVAC system walk thru

**Treasurer** – Tax collections are complete and will be balanced with the County

**Clerk** – ARPA Budget; Township Budget

**Zoning** – 3 zoning permits issued; Residential solar discussed

**Planning** – Storage containers discussed and will be reviewed further by the Board

**County Commissioner – Tina Leary** – Positions vacated and filled; ARPA Fund grants; Van Buren Land Bank discussion; Veterans Services office moved to records building; VA Information event being held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the VB County Veterans Service Center; Land Preservation Board vacancies

**Sheriff** – 16 calls received for the month of February; Reminder to slow down for construction zones; Thefts are on the rise

**Fire Board/Quick Response** – Letter received from Village of Decatur's lawyer regarding a legal authority agreement from 1985; Annual Meeting to be held June 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.; Parking lot repairs; QR vehicles received and will be equipped; Hiring for QR personnel

**Grange Hall** – Rentals scheduled for March and April 2023; Dances will be held on April 01, 2023, October 07, 2023, and November 4, 2023; New members appointed to the Grange Hall Committee

**Sexton** – Cemetery Clean up scheduled from April 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 15<sup>th</sup> after which the Sexton will remove anything left over

**Assessor** – Board of Reviews final March meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**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; Visit <https://hamiltontownshipmi.org> for more information.

**Conservation District** – Farming for the Future Program; Summer education Programs; Grants; Top 40 under 40 – Kyle Mead; Hazardous waste facility zoning; 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 Hanson, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk