

Hamilton Township Board
April 11, 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 Karen Makay and Richard Conway. There were nine guests present.

2. Limited Public Comments

None.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

New Business b) Memorandum of Understanding

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 March 14, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for March - Cash Balances as of 03/31/23: General Fund - \$318,157.29; Road Fund - \$41,831.97; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$17,129.65.
- c) Payment of Bills

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

6. Old Business

- a) **NFPI – FEMA - meetings** – Nothing to report.
- b) **Open Field Project** – Walk throughs are scheduled for spring. Jared and Lucas from the VBCD will determine when it needs to be mowed.
- c) **Neighborhood Watch** – Currently 1,337 members on the Facebook page. The Facebook page can be found under: Van Buren County Neighborhood Watch-Decatur/Hamilton Twp. 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** – The current budget expenditures report is due to the state by April 30, 2023.
- e) **Broadband Mapping & Update** – 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** – Hamilton Township has completed their portion of the project and is currently waiting for Decatur Township to complete their portion.
- g) **Deputy Clerk Update** – Justin Klein has been chosen to become the Deputy Clerk. A start date will be determined and presented to the Board.
- h) **Safe Built Update** – The Townships Attorney will continue working with Safe Built to ensure everything is completed correctly and timely. This project could possibly take another six to nine months to complete.
- i) **Resource Recovery Day** - Community Dump Day will be held on Saturday April 29th 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. If you have tires, please call the VBCD ahead of time at 269-657-4030 Ext 5.

7. New Business

- a) **Masterplan hire** – Hamilton Township, Decatur Township and Village of Decatur will work together with Marci Hamilton from the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission to review the Masterplan.
- b) **Memorandum of Understanding** – The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between Decatur Township, Hamilton Township, Village of Decatur and Van Buren Conservation District.

Motion by Conway, second by Makay to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Roll Call: Hanson – Yes, Mott – Yes, Makay – Yes, Conway – Yes, Druskovich – Yes. Motion carried.

8. **Reports**

Supervisor – Road Tour scheduled for April 12, 2023; Solar Project info sharing; Burning permits/issues

Treasurer – Tax collections are complete and have been balanced with the County

Clerk – ARPA budget; Township budget; Election training

Zoning – 1 zoning permit denied on the lake; permit denials don't expire year to year

Planning – Storage containers discussed and will be reviewed further by the Board; Residential Solar information gathered and will be reviewed

County Commissioner – Tina Leary – Equalization report; Drainage in jail and courthouse; Grant opportunities; Jail work crew mowing

Sheriff – 24 calls received for the month of March; Reminder to slow down for construction zones; Thefts continue to be on the rise, installing cameras will help protect your property

Fire Board/Quick Response – QR vehicles almost complete; Randy Haun promoted to full time QR employee; Fire truck to be completed by the end of the year; Siren issues in Decatur/County frequency issues; Max capacity for membership

Grange Hall – Rentals scheduled for April 2023; Dances will be held on October 07, 2023, and November 4, 2023; The dance held in April was a big success; New tables purchased

Sexton – Cemetery Clean up scheduled from April 1st thru April 15th after which the Sexton will remove anything left behind

Assessor – Board of Review meetings held in March; The parcel review for the Township will begin in July

Roads- Road Tour April 12, 2023; Flooding after storm; CR 352 road improvements; 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; Tree sales; Contact the Conservation District at 269-657-4030 ext. 5 or visit their Facebook page at: Van Buren Conservation District 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 7:43 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk