

Hamilton Township Board
May 09, 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 eight guests present.

2. Limited Public Comments

Mark Flowers Sr. voiced concerns on some neighboring properties' in regards to blight. Jacob from the VBCD spoke about upcoming summer programs and events including the Recycle Roundup being held on June 24, 2023 at the VB County Mental Health Building in Paw Paw.

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 April 11, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for April - Cash Balances as of 04/30/23: General Fund - \$336,237.38; Road Fund - \$46,478.92; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$18,630.31.
- c) Payment of Bills
- d) Water withdrawal – Berrybrook Enterprises

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** – Jared and Lucas from the VBCD will determine when it needs to be mowed.
- c) **Neighborhood Watch** – Currently 1,348 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. If interested, please contact Jaime Stone-McEnaney at nw49045@outlook.com for more information.
- d) **Covid relief funds – ARPA** – The current budget expenditures report was reported to the state.
- 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) **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.

7. New Business

- a) **Budget** – The Townships annual budget meeting and public hearing will be held on June 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- b) **Assessing services contract** – The Townships assessing contract will expire on June 30, 2023.
Motion by Conway, second by Hanson to renew the assessing contract with Appraisals Plus Group LLC which shall begin July 1, 2023 and conclude June 30, 2025. Roll call: Conway – Yes, Hanson – Yes, Mott – Yes, Makay – Yes, Druskovich – Yes. Motion carried.
- c) **Conservation District contract** – The Board reviewed the 2023 VBC Resource Recovery & Recycling Program Contract with the Van Buren Conservation District.
Motion by Makay, second by Conway, to contribute \$500.00 to the Van Buren County Resource Recovery & Recycling Program for 2023. Motion carried.
- d) **EGLE solid waste management** – The Board reviewed an email from the Michigan Sustainable Business Forum regarding updates to Part 115 of the solid waste law. Supervisor Druskovich will complete a survey from EGLE.

- e) **Tax Bill insert request** – The Van Buren Conservation District is requesting an insert be included with the summer tax bills that will include information for residents on recycling opportunities and education. Treasurer Hanson will work with the VBCD to include the inserts with the tax bill.
- f) **BOR Training** – There will be online training opportunities held in June and July for any Board of Review member that may need to complete their training requirements.

8. Reports

Supervisor – Hamilton Township has completed their part of the Savion Solar project to move forward, Supervisor Druskovich will not comment or discuss Decatur Townships part of the Savion Solar project; Masterplan review; Road Tour discussion; Good turnout for Resource Recovery Day, Thank you to the Decatur DPW, the farm kids and the jail crew for all of their help.

Treasurer – Tax bill inserts from VBCD; Road millage added to L4029

Clerk – Township budget

Zoning – 2 zoning permits issued; Residential solar ordinance discussion; Blight issues

Planning – Meeting will be held on June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

County Commissioner – Tina Leary – Friend of the Court has moved buildings; Grant opportunities; Broadband update; Veterans services officer hired

Fire Board/Quick Response – QR vehicles almost complete; Full time QR employee position has started; Fire truck to be completed by the end of the year; Audit is complete; Training for new treasurer

Grange Hall – Dances will be held on October 07, 2023, and November 4, 2023; Looking into air conditioning; Electrical repairs and updates; Wedding scheduled for 2024

Sexton – Gravel needed in some driveways; Memorial Day presentation will be held on May 29, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Assessor – The parcel review for the Township will begin in July

Roads- Deburming discussion; Taking bids for a new garage in Bangor; Taking bids for a new office building/conference center; 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 – Recycle Roundup program; Summer education Programs; 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 7:42 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk