

**Hamilton Township Board**  
**July 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 seven guests present.

**2. Limited Public Comments**

William Lawson commented on the nice condition of the gravel roads in the area.

**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 June 13, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for June - Cash Balances as of 06/30/23: General Fund - \$323,206.90; Road Fund - \$5,747.24; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$18,631.92.
- 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** – Nothing to report.
- c) **Neighborhood Watch** – Currently 1,400 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](mailto:nw49045@outlook.com) for more information.
- d) **Covid relief funds – ARPA** – Nothing to report.
- e) **Broadband Mapping & Update** – Getting everything organized. It is a possibility to have all homes that want broadband completed by next year.
- f) **Safe Built Update** – The Townships Attorney will continue working with Safe Built to ensure everything is completed correctly and timely. This project could take another six to nine months to complete.
- g) **Budget – Public Hearings for QR & DHFD Discussion** – The public hearing is counted as part of the Budget Hearing that was held on June 27, 2023. The Townships Attorney is making sure that is enough to consider this matter completed and will let the Board know by August.
- h) **Weed Control – LOW** – The first weed control treatment sometimes does not go as planned because of the harshness of chemicals needed to be used. This year wind issues during the treatment resulted in more dead fish and weeds washing ashore. Andy from PLM Lake and Land Management was contacted and asked not to schedule weed treatments so close to holidays in the future.

**7. New Business**

- a) **Buoy Replacement** – Highs Marine placed two buoys on Lake of the Woods. Only one buoy can be located so another one will need to be ordered and will be placed on the lake when received.
- b) **BOR Notice** – The Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall on July 18, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to correct any clerical error or mutual mistake of fact relative to the 2022 & 2023 Assessment Roll.
- c) **Small Solar Energy Facility Ordinance** –  
Motion by Conway, second by Hanson, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-07-11, An Ordinance to add additional definitions related to solar energy; to add small solar energy facility as either an accessory or principal use in certain zoning classifications; to establish whether such use is a permitted use or a special land use; to establish parameters of

accessory use and primary use small scale solar energy facilities; to set forth parameters for consideration by the planning commission; to provide for an effective date of the amendment; and to repeal all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict therewith. Roll call: Makay – Yes, Conway – Yes, Hanson – Yes, Mott – Yes, Druskovich – Yes. Motion carried. (A copy of the ordinance is attached and made a part of these minutes.) The ordinance will become effective thirty days from the date of publication in the Decatur Republican.

## 8. Reports

**Supervisor** – Weed Control issues; Buoys; Road Commission de-burning; Complaints received regarding the camp at LOW with road signs and cones being placed in the road

**Treasurer** – Summer tax bills all mailed out; Credit card usage revenue

**Clerk** – Annual Audit to be completed in August

**Sheriff** – 21 calls for June; 47<sup>th</sup> St public right of way issue; Blight issues

**Fire Board/Quick Response** – New truck should arrive by November; Currently at max capacity for members; Training for current members; QR doing an excellent job making it to calls quickly

**Grange Hall** – Rentals; Dances will be held on October 07, 2023, and November 4, 2023; Air handler issues; Wedding scheduled for 2024

**Assessor** – The parcel review for the Township has begun

**Roads**- Chip sealing; Putting a hold on the new garage construction in Bangor until prices go down; 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; Having a good turnout for dinners and activities; Visit <https://hamiltontownshipmi.org> for more information.

**Conservation District** – Annual Meeting/Picnic being held on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 starting at 5:30 at the Michigan Flywheelers Museum; Emily Hickmott to be named Executive Director; 10 year millage renewal; Recognized for their work with the Red Arrow Dairy; 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 7:31 p.m.

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Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk