

Hamilton Township Board
August 08, 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 Richard Conway. Trustee Karen Makay was excused. There were eight guests present.

2. Limited Public Comments

James Fisher commented on a barking dog issue in his neighborhood.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

New Business c) Truth in Taxation - Deleted – Previously included in budget hearing

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the July 11, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for July - Cash Balances as of 07/31/23: General Fund - \$317,419.15; Road Fund - \$14,220.48; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$3,767.64.
- c) Payment of Bills
- d) I-M Power Notice August 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

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

6. Old Business

- a) **NFPI – FEMA - meetings** – Nothing to report.
- b) **Open Field Project** – Everything is looking good and will continue to be monitored for what needs to be in done in the future.
- 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 for more information.
- d) **Covid relief funds – ARPA** – Nothing to report.
- e) **Broadband Mapping & Update** – Nothing to report.
- 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) **Small Solar Ordinance Update** – Nothing to report.
- h) **Weed Control – LOW** – Last weed control went well. The LOW Weed Tax Assessment Roll Hearing will be held at the regular monthly meeting on September 12, 2023.

7. New Business

- a) **DHQR & FD Tax Assessment Roll Hearing** – The hearing will be held at the regular monthly meeting on September 12, 2023.
- b) **BOR Pay** – The Board of Reviews current pay rates were discussed. This item will be added to the agenda to be discussed further at the September 12, 2023, meeting.
- c) **Fire 86th Ave Home** – A resident voiced concerns and questions through email regarding a house fire that occurred a few months ago. The Townships attorney has been consulted and there will be further discussion on how to proceed.

- 8. **Reports Supervisor** – Downed tree complaints; Fire on 86th Ave; Roadside mowing; Road shoulder right of ways; Please slow down on CR 215 heading towards the 92nd St bridge; Camp Lake of the Woods kids are doing a great job of keeping the crossing areas safe

Treasurer – 16% of summer taxes collected so far; The treasurer will be at the hall for tax collection on the 13th, 14th, and 15th of September

Clerk – Nothing to report

Planning Commission – There will be a public hearing and planning commission meeting held on September 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Small Solar Zoning text amendments

Sheriff – 61 calls for July

Fire Board/Quick Response – New truck should arrive by November; QR calls have a 100% response rate for July; Training requirements for current members and the process for what happens when those requirements are not met were discussed; 21st Annual Fire Feed Dinner

Grange Hall – Rentals; Dances will be held on October 07, 2023, and November 4, 2023; Air handler price estimate; Electrical work needed

County Commissioner – Administration spots filled; Budget Hearing; Old court files digitized; SW MI Planning presentation

Roads- Chip sealing; Fog sealing; Road shoulder mowing; Dust control; 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 – Emily Hickmott named as Director; Invasive species control; Annual meeting went well; Collections discussions; 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 Conway, second by Hanson, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk