

**Hamilton Township Board**  
**January 09, 2024**  
**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**

None.

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

New Business: c) VBC Road Commission Revenue Share Policy

**4. Approval of Agenda**

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

**5. Consent Agenda**

- a) Approval of the December 12, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for December - Cash Balances as of 12/31/23: General Fund - \$259,542.99; Road Fund - \$18,970.75; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$1085.55.
- c) Payment of Bills
- d) Egle Notice
- e) Paw Paw Senior Services Invitation

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

**6. Old Business**

- a) **NFPI – FEMA - meetings** – Nothing new
- b) **Open Field Project** – Nothing new
- c) **Neighborhood Watch** – Currently 1,406 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) **Broadband Mapping & Update** – The Board received a contract from MEC to review and sign.
- e) **Safe Built Update** – The Townships Attorney will continue to work with Safe Built to ensure everything is completed correctly and timely. This project will continue to be reviewed by the Board in the coming months, at which point the Township might need to look at different options.
- f) **Solar Update** – Supervisor Druskovich has been receiving information and guidance from the Michigan Township Association as to how to move forward now that the state has gained control. The Townships Attorney will review the Townships ordinances to ensure the Township has a compatible renewable energy ordinance with the state. More information will be discussed as it becomes available.
- g) **Fire/Burnt House 86<sup>th</sup> Ave** – A dumpster is on the property. A citation will be issued and there will be so many days for the clean up to be completed.
- h) **47<sup>th</sup> Street Lot Cleanup Update** – Clean-up continues, and Supervisor Druskovich will be notified when it's completed.
- i) **Master Plan Update** – The Master Plan is a guidance tool for what ifs in the future. The Master Plan will be reviewed and updated as needed. Maps will be updated. Still a work in progress.
- j) **Infrastructure/Recycling Update** – There is a meeting scheduled for January 17, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. with the Van Buren Conservation District to discuss what will happen going forward with the recycling transfer station.

**7. New Business**

- a) **Zoning Classes** – Online Zoom classes are available to anyone needing to stay in training compliance.
- b) **Materials Management Plan – Revision** - The Van Buren Conservation has updates to the Master Plan with revised money amounts.

- c) **VBC Road Commission Revenue Share Policy** – The annual Revenue Share Policy was reviewed by the Board. Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to allow the Supervisor to sign and accept the Revenue Share Policy provided by the Van Buren County Road Commission. Motion carried.

8. **Reports**

**Supervisor** – MTA discussion: State control of solar and wind; Battery storage discussion; VBCRC mowing

**Treasurer** – Winter tax collection on January 12, 2024

**Clerk** – Election preparations

**Planning Commission** – Citizens planning classes will be attended in March and April 2024

**Zoning** – 47<sup>th</sup> St trailer discussed; Storage containers; Pole barn restrictions

**Sherriff** – 11 calls for December; Thefts continue to rise, install cameras

**VBC Commissioner – Leary** – MEC Broadband internet contract signed; Friend of the Court amnesty day; Contract signed for Safe Harbor – CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

**Fire Board/Quick Response** – New truck should arrive on schedule; QR doing a great job with calls; Old pumper truck donated to VBISD

**Grange Hall** – Closed up for the winter

**Sexton** – The cemetery grounds are harder to maintain in the winter. Please have patience with ground maintenance being completed as warmer weather allows.

**Roads-** CR 215 bridge discussion; Boom mowing discussion; 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** – Grant work continues: 11 submitted; Material Management Plan; Infrastructure/Recycling grant; 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 Makay, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk