

Hamilton Township Board
April 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 Trustee Karen Makay. Trustee Richard Conway was excused. There were seven guests present.

2. Limited Public Comments

None.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the March 12, 2024, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for March - Cash Balances as of 03/31/24: General Fund - \$280,768.09; Road Fund - \$89,138.18; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$7,449.40.
- c) Payment of Bills
- d) Road Closure CR 360 Notice

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

6. Old Business

- a) **NFPI – FEMA - meetings** – Nothing new to report.
- b) **Open Field Project** – Supervisor Druskovich is working with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Van Buren Conservation District to maintain the field. Supervisor Druskovich is requesting to spend up to \$500.00 for any maintenance needed.

Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to approve spending up to \$500.00 for any field maintenance needed. Motion carried.

- c) **Neighborhood Watch** – Currently 1,434 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. Tentative dates for self-defense classes are May 19, June 23, July 21, and August 11, 2024. If interested, please contact Jaime Stone-McEnaney at nw49045@outlook.com for more information.
- d) **Broadband Mapping & Update** – Nothing new to report.
- 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** – Nothing new to report.
- g) **Fire/Burnt House 86th Ave Update** – Zoning requirements will need to be met before any new structures will be permitted on the property. Clean up has been completed.
- h) **Draft Zoning for Shipping Containers & Accessory Building Limits** – The Board has determined further review is necessary and this item is tabled until May 2024.

Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to approve this item being tabled until May 2024. Motion carried.

- i) **Master Plan Meeting Combined – April 18, 2024, at 4:30p.m. Village Hall** - A joint public hearing between Decatur and Hamilton Townships and the Village of Decatur has been scheduled.
- j) **Infrastructure/Recycling Update** – More information will be discussed as it becomes available regarding the recycling transfer station.
- k) **Recycle (Dump) Day** – Community Dump Day is scheduled for April 27, 2024, from 8:00a.m.– 3:00p.m. If you have tires, please call before. 269-423-6114

7. New Business

- a) **Election Inspector Appointments** – The Election Committee meeting was held on Tuesday April 9, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. Motion by Hanson, second by Druskovich, to approve the appointment of Election Inspectors for the May 07, 2024, Special Election. Motion carried. Trustee Makay abstained.
- b) **Receiving Board Appointments** – Motion by Hanson, second by Makay, to approve the appointment of the Receiving Board for the May 07, 2024, Special Election. Motion carried.
- c) **Election Inspector and Receiving Board Pay** – Motion by Hanson, second by Druskovich, to approve the Election Inspector and Receiving Board wages at \$16.00/hr. and \$17.00/hr. for the Chair for the May 07, 2024, Special Election. Motion carried. Trustee Makay abstained.
- d) **Road Millage Renewal** – The Board reviewed the Resolution to renew the Road Millage and will have it placed on the August 06, 2024, ballot. Motion by Hanson, second by Makay, to approve the millage ballot language for the Road Millage Renewal and will have it placed on the August 06, 2024, ballot. Roll Call – Hanson – Yes, Mott – Yes, Makay – Yes, Druskovich – Yes. Motion carried.
- e) **Senior Millage** – The Board reviewed the Resolution to adopt Senior Services Millage Ballot Language and will have it placed on the August 06, 2024, ballot. Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to approve the millage ballot language for the Resolution to adopt Senior Services Millage and will have it placed on the August 06, 2024, ballot. Roll Call – Mott – Yes, Makay – Yes, Hanson – Yes, Druskovich – Yes. Motion carried.
- f) **Road Projects 2024** – Supervisor Druskovich and Trustee Conway attended the Road Tour with The VB County Road Commission. The Board reviewed the Road Tour notes. Supervisor Druskovich is asking the Board to allow him to make the final decisions on what projects should be completed moving forward. Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to allow Supervisor Druskovich to make the final decisions on what projects need to be completed. Motion carried.
- g) **Blight Complaint 84th Ave** – The Township has received blight and zoning complaints for a property on 84th Ave.

8. Reports

Supervisor – Road Tour; Road budget; Community Dump Day; Masterplan meeting update

Treasurer – Tax collection is completed and balanced with the County

Clerk – Election preparations for the May 7, 2024, election; Budget prep

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

Sherriff – 13 calls for March; Thefts continue to rise, install cameras

Fire Board/Quick Response – New truck has arrived; QR doing a great job with calls; Please call before burning; Bids for old ambulance being taken

Grange Hall – Dance held on April 6, 2024 had a great turn out; Rentals for 2024 scheduled

Sexton – Spring clean-up needs to be completed by April 15, 2024; reminders were published twice in the paper

Assessor – BOR meetings in March; State tax increase; Homestead qualifications; Parcel reviews for 2024

Roads – Tree removal projects; Hot mix applications to start; Road Tour; 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 – Community Dump Day; Millage Renewals; Grant for invasive species control; 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 Hanson, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk