

Hamilton Township Board
July 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 Rich Conway was excused. There were nineteen 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 June 11, 2024, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for June - Cash Balances as of 06/30/24: General Fund - \$299,663.55; Road Fund - \$76,869.92; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$6,417.42.
- c) Payment of Bills

Motion by Hanson, 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** – Everything looks good. VBCD continues to monitor the field to see what is needed. Possible scheduled burn in the spring.
- c) **Neighborhood Watch** – Currently 1,444 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 July 21, and August 11, 2024. If interested, please contact Jaime Stone-McEnaney at nw49045@outlook.com for more information.
- d) **Broadband Mapping & Update** – On schedule for completion in 2025.
- 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.
- g) **Fire/Burnt House 86th Ave Update** – Time has elapsed for the issue to be resolved and the Townships lawyer will be contacted for the next steps needed and what deadlines need to be met.
- h) **Consumer's Energy Franchise Agreement** – The Board reviewed the agreement and Clerk Mott will sign and return it to Consumer's Energy.
- i) **Joint Recreation Plan Update Meeting** – A joint recreation plan update meeting will be held at the Decatur Village Hall on July 15, 2024, at 4:30p.m.

7. New Business

- a) **Election Inspector Appointments** - The Election Committee meeting was held on Tuesday July 9, 2024, at 6:45 p.m.
Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to approve the appointment of Election Inspectors for the August 06, 2024, Primary Election. Motion carried.

- b) **Receiving Board Appointments** -

Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to approve the appointment of the Receiving Board for the August 06, 2024, Primary Election. Motion carried.

c) **Election Inspectors & Receiving Board Pay –**

Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to approve the Election Inspector and Receiving Board wages at \$19.00/hr. and \$20.00/hr. for the Chair for the August 06, 2024, Primary Election. Motion carried.

d) **Township Insurance Renewal** – The Board is waiting for a quote from Decker Insurance Agency and has tabled this item until the August meeting.

e) **BOR July Meeting** – There will be a Board of Review meeting held on July 16, 2024, at 12:00p.m. to correct any clerical error or mutual mistake of fact relative to the 2023 & 2024 assessment roll.

f) **Moratorium on Short Term Rental** – The Board reviewed an ordinance to impose a temporary moratorium on short-term rentals.

Motion by Makay, second by Hanson to approve the ordinance to impose a temporary moratorium on short-term rentals. Roll Call: Hanson – Yes, Mott – Yes, Makay – Yes, Druskovich – Yes. Motion carried.

8. **Reports**

Supervisor – Mowing and deberming concerns; Call 911 for downed trees in the roadways; Parks and Recreation master plan meeting to be held

Treasurer – Settlement packet for the 2023 tax collection has been received from the County

Clerk – Budget completed; Early Voting for the August 06, 2024, election; Election prep

Zoning – 2 zoning permits issued; Zoning for pools to be updated; Shipping container discussion

Planning Commission – Storage container discussions; Cell tower to be installed on M-51; Short term rentals

Sherriff – 28 calls last month; Thefts continue to rise, install cameras

Fire Board/Quick Response – New truck updates needed; QR doing a great job with calls; Opening available for at large – Fire Board; Taxes are not going up for QR and FD; Christine Benson is the new Team Leader

Grange Hall – Rentals for 2024 scheduled

Assessor – Parcel reviews for 2024 have started

Commissioner – August ballot millage renewals; Free VBC Youth mental health after school program; Early Voting for the August Election; VB Conservation District annual picnic July 31, 2024, Brookside Farms

Roads- Road Millage Proposal; Dust control; New State law coming for how far you must stay behind a plow truck; Roadside mowing; Call 911 or 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 picnic on July 21, 2024, at Brookside Farms – see website for more info; Grants received; 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 7:50 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk