

**Hamilton Township Board**  
**August 13, 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 fourteen guests present.

**2. Limited Public Comments**

Robert Hemenway presented pictures for the board to review and spoke about his concerns on a drain not working properly on 47 ½ street.

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

Addition: Consent Agenda d) Flood Map Updates; Deletion: Old Business i) Consumer's Energy Franchise Agreement

**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 July 09, 2024, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for July - Cash Balances as of 07/31/24: General Fund - \$281,144.73; Road Fund - \$87,150.14; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$7,417.75.
- c) Payment of Bills
- d) Flood Map Updates

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

**6. Old Business**

- a) **NFPI – FEMA - Notice** – An in-person flood map open house will be held on September 10, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Commissioners Chambers in Cassopolis MI.
- b) **Open Field Project** – A burn on the property will most likely take place in the spring. Trail sketches and oak pod prices will be presented to the Board soon.
- c) **Neighborhood Watch** – Currently 1,485 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. The last self-defense class for the year was held on August 11, 2024. If interested, please contact Jaime Stone-McEnaney at [nw49045@outlook.com](mailto:nw49045@outlook.com) for more information.
- d) **Broadband Mapping & Update** – On schedule for completion in 2025.
- e) **Safe Built Update** – Supervisor Druskovich will be looking into a possible Safe Built presentation for September 2024.
- f) **Solar Update** – Nothing new to report.
- g) **Fire/Burnt House 86<sup>th</sup> Ave Update** – Zoning requirements will need to be met before any new structures will be permitted on the property. No permits have been issued at this time.
- h) **Draft Zoning for Shipping Containers & Accessory Building Limits** – The Board reviewed the updated Zoning Ordinance Text amendment.

Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to approve the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment as presented. Roll Call: Makay – Yes, Conway – Yes, Hanson – Yes, Mott – Yes, Druskovich – Yes. Motion carried.

- i) **Joint Recreation Plan Update** – A meeting will be held on August 19, 2024, at the Village Hall at 4:30 p.m.
- j) **Short Term Rentals** – The Planning Commission is in the process of reviewing options and will work with the Township's Attorney to move forward. A sub committee will be formed.
- k) **Insurance Renewal** – The Board reviewed an insurance quote from Decker Agency Ins. but have decided to stay with the Townships current insurance carrier at this time, EMC Ins.

Motion by Makay, second by Conway, to renew the Townships insurance coverage with EMC Ins. Motion carried.

- l) **Master Plan Update** – The Board reviewed the Draft Joint Master Plan.

Motion by Conway, second by Makay, to approve the distribution of the plan for comment. Motion carried.

**7. New Business**

- a) **DHFD & QR Special Meeting for Tax Rolls & Assessment** – A meeting will be held on September 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. before the regular Township Board meeting.
- b) **LOW Weed Control Assessment** – A meeting will be held on September 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. before the regular Township Board meeting.

**8. Reports**

**Supervisor** – Lake Association calls concerning no wake during flooding; Short term rental calls; CR 215 road issues near bridge

**Treasurer** – Treasury update meeting attended

**Clerk** – August election had a total of 250 voters

**Planning Commission** – Short term rentals; E-coli concerns on Lake of the Woods

**Sherriff** – Thefts continue to rise, install cameras

**Fire Board/Quick Response** – QR was recognized by the State for their excellence in handling the high volume of calls they receive; New fire truck still about a month out; New cadets for the Junior Fireman program

**Grange Hall** – Rentals for 2024 scheduled

**Assessor** – Parcel reviews for 2024 continue

**Roads**- Tree removal projects; Road Millage Proposal passed; Road side 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** – Senior Services millage passed; 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** – Invasive species grant; Recycling grants; 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 7:44 p.m.

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Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk