

**Hamilton Township Board**  
**September 10, 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 eighteen guests present.

**2. Limited Public Comments**

None.

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

None.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

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

**5. Consent Agenda**

- a) Approval of the August 13, 2024, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for August - Cash Balances as of 08/31/24: General Fund - \$292,948.16; Road Fund - \$87,153.72; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$7,418.06.
- c) Payment of Bills

Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, 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 is being held on September 10, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Commissioners Chambers in Cassopolis MI and Trustee Conway is attending.
- b) **Open Field Project** – This project has been recognized from the state for the pollinators that have been planted. Oak pod prices will be reviewed and options for a pavilion, benches and chairs are being discussed.
- 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. 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 October 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) **LOW Weed Control Assessment** – The Board reviewed the Lake of the Woods Aquatic Plant Control and Weed Control Project Special Assessment.

Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to approve the special assessment as presented. Roll Call: Mott – Yes, Makay – Yes, Hanson – Yes, Druskovich – Yes. Motion carried.

- i) **Master Plan Update** – The Board discussed the Master Plan Update.

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

- j) **Joint Recreation Plan Update** – There is a meeting scheduled for September 16, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. at the Decatur Village Hall.
- k) **Short Term Rental** – A subcommittee has been formed and a meeting was held on Monday September 9, 2024 to discuss the best way to move forward following the rules and regulations of the state.
- l) **DHFD & QR Tax Rolls & Assessments** – The Board reviewed the Resolution approving Special Assessment Roll for Fire Protection and Quick response Services.

Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to approve the special assessment as presented. Roll Call: Makay – Yes, Hanson – Yes, Mott – Yes, Druskovich – Yes. Motion carried.

**7. New Business**

- a) **Triple E & West Nile Viruses** – There have been cases of these viruses being found in horses in Van Buren and Cass Counties. Please take precautions against mosquitos in the coming weeks.

**8. Reports**

**Supervisor** – Land preservation; Short term rental calls; Fema updates; Fog sealing; Dust control

**Treasurer** – 52% of summer taxes have been collected

**Clerk** – November election prep; Township Audit

**Zoning** – 5 permits issued

**Planning Commission** – Short term rentals; Zoning draft for cell tower; Updated swimming pool zoning

**Sherriff** – 31 calls for August; Thefts continue to rise, install cameras

**Fire Board/Quick Response** – At full capacity for the Fire Department at 44 members; New fire truck still about a month out; QR doing an outstanding job responding to calls quickly

**Grange Hall** – Rentals for 2024 scheduled; Dances scheduled for October 12, 2024 and November 2, 2024

**Assessor** – Parcel reviews for 2024 continue

**Roads**- Seal coating; Fog sealing; Chip sealing; Road side mowing; Congratulatos to Randy Moser on 45 years of service; 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 partners 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** – Decatur transfer station discussion; 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 7:51 p.m.

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Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk