

Hamilton Township Board
October 08, 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 seven guests present.

2. Limited Public Comments

James Raffe inquired on a property on 86th Ave

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Update: Old Business: k) 86th Ave warehouse update

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the September 10, 2024, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for September - Cash Balances as of 09/30/24: General Fund - \$270,060.29; Road Fund - \$87,157.42; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$7,418.38.
- 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** – Map updates are available on the FEMA website
- b) **Open Field Project** – Noting new to report.
- 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 for more information.
- d) **Broadband Mapping & Update** – On schedule for completion in 2025.
- e) **Safe Built Update** – Safe Built was expected to have a presentation but did not show for the meeting. The Supervisor will look at different options.
- f) **Solar Update** – Nothing new to report.
- g) **Fire/Burnt House 86th Ave Update** – Possible interested buyer for the property. More information to come.
- h) **Master Plan Update** – The Master plan has been distributed for comment.
- i) **Joint Recreation Plan Update** – Possible updates to Red Wolfe Park, Old tennis court area turned into a pickle ball court, bathrooms.
- j) **Short Term Rentals** – The Townships Lawyer is looking over paperwork and into an application process moving forward.
- k) **86th Ave Warehouse Update** - Zoning is reviewing.

7. New Business

- a) **Election Inspector Appointments – Election Inspector Appointments** - The Election Committee meeting was held on Tuesday October 8, 2024, at 6:45 p.m.

Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to approve the appointment of Election Inspectors for the November 05, 2024, General Election. Motion carried.

- b) **Receiving Board Appointments –**

Motion by Conway, second by Makay, to approve the appointment of the Receiving Board for the November 05, 2024, General Election. Motion carried.

- c) **Election Inspector & Receiving Board Pay –**

Motion by Hanson, second by Makay, to approve the Election Inspector and Receiving Board wages at \$19.00/hr. and \$20.00/hr. for the Chair for the November 05, 2024, General Election. Motion carried.

- d) **BOR Date Change** – The Board reviewed a Resolution for Adjustment of July and December Board of Review Dates from the Township Assessor.

Motion by Conway, second by Hanson, to approve the resolution to adjust the July and December Board of Review Dates. Motion carried.

- e) **Officer Time Increase** – The Board reviewed a projected wages estimate from the County if the Township decides to change from a part-time police presence to a full-time police presence. Will be discussed more at future meetings.
- f) **Blight Property CR 352 & 55th St** – There is a trailer still on the property. A letter will be sent from the Townships Lawyer and the property owners will have two weeks from the date of the letter to comply with the removal of the items.

8. Reports

Supervisor – 84th boat landing semi-trailer complaints; Stolen truck fire on 55th; QTR supervisors meeting attended; Open field project; Supervisors farm tractor was hit by a Semi on 352; More police presence on 352; Parks discussions with the Village of Decatur; Delta Dr tree down onto a driver's windshield

Treasurer – Annual MTA meeting attended; Parks and Recreation class attended; Tax insert for winter taxes

Clerk – November election prep; Township Audit; Ins Audit

Planning Commission – Short term rentals discussion

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

Fire Board/Quick Response – New fire truck still about a month out; QR doing an outstanding job responding to calls quickly; Review of officers and team leaders to be completed

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

Assessor – Parcel reviews for 2024 continue

County Commissioner – Leary – Master Plan work; Grant funds for specialty courts received; Veterans services bi-monthly report

Roads – Fog sealing and chip sealing completed; Painting in progress; Snowplow rodeo October 18th at 8:30 a.m.; 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 – Summer projects nearing completion; 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 7:48 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk