

**Hamilton Township Board**  
**March 11, 2025**  
**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 Conway. Also Present: Clerk Rebecca Mott, Treasurer Sandra Hanson, and Trustees Karen Makay and Justin Klein. There were fourteen 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 February 11, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for February - Cash Balances as of 02/28/25: General Fund - \$311,816.27; Road Fund - \$55,053.34; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$18,992.44.
- c) Payment of Bills

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

**6. Old Business**

- a) **Open Field Project** – A controlled burn will be completed in the spring.
- b) **Blight Property 55<sup>th</sup> & CR 352** – The camper and vehicle have been removed.
- c) **Short Term Rentals** – The STR Ordinance has been published in the paper and posted on the website.
- d) **Officer Time Increase** – The Board will review the upcoming budget and add the necessary funds to allow for an increased police presence in the Township.
- e) **BOR – ZBA** – The positions have been filled.
- f) **Neighborhood Watch** – Currently 1.5k 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.

**7. New Business**

- a) **Scott Saunders** – Scott Saunders gave a building inspection presentation to discuss what it would involve to move away from the state for our all of our inspections.

- b) **Hamilton Twp Fireboard** – Dr. Carl Druskovich was appointed to the Hamilton Township Fireboard.

Motion by Hanson, second by Makay, to approve the appointment of Dr. Carl Druskovich to the Hamilton Township Fireboard.

Motion carried.

- c) **Planning and Zoning Books** – Hamilton Townships planning and zoning books have been updated and can be found on the website.

- d) **Blight Property M51** – The Sheriff department is involved. Updates will be presented at future meetings.

- e) **Blight Property 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave** – The Sheriff department is involved. Updates will be presented at future meetings.

- f) **Blight Property 46<sup>th</sup> St** – The Sheriff department is involved. Updates will be presented at future meetings.

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- h) **Van Buren Cons. District Support Letter** - The Board reviewed a request from the VBCD to write a letter of support for the NextCycle program.

Motion by Makay, second by Klein, to approve the letter of support as requested by the VBCD. Motion carried.

- i) **Ceres PA-116 Termination request** – The Board reviewed the Ceres PA-116 termination request and have forwarded a copy to the reviewing agencies for comment.

- j) **Lake of the Woods Special Assessment Resolution and Public Hearings** – The Board reviewed the special assessment resolution regarding the aquatic weed and plant control program and have scheduled public hearings for Tuesday April 8, 2024 and May 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. before the regular scheduled monthly Board meetings.

Motion by Makay, second by Klein to approve the Special Assessment Resolution. Roll Call: Klein – Yes, Makay – Yes, Mott – Yes, Hanson – Yes, Conway – Yes. Motion carried.

## 8. **Reports**

**Supervisor** – Recap of agenda items; Spring cleaning for Township Hall grounds

**Treasurer** – Tax collection going well with 96% of summer taxes and 92% of winter taxes being collected so far

**Zoning** – New cell tower; 9 permits issued

**Planning** – Website updates to include zoning and planning ordinances

**Sherriff** – 31 calls for February; Thefts continue to rise, install cameras; Phone scams on the rise

**Fire Board/Quick Response** – New truck out for calls; QR is continually doing a great job

**Grange Hall** – Rentals for 2025 scheduled; Dance scheduled for April 5,2025

**Assessor** – Parcel reviews to start for 2025; BOR meetings

**County Commissioner - Leary** – Dr. Carl Druskovich has been appointed to the Land Preservation Board; Grants for 911; Veterans Services free dental program

**Roads**- Tree trimming; Frost law currently in effect; Pot hole patching; Call 911 or dispatch at 269-674-8011 for weather related issues and downed trees

**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** – Letter of Support; Decatur Transfer Station update; Annual tree sale; 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 Klein, second by Makay, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk