

Hamilton Township Board
April 08, 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 nineteen guests present.

2. Limited Public Comments

None.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the March 11, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for March - Cash Balances as of 03/31/25: General Fund - \$298,218.23; Road Fund - \$61,687.21; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$18,353.66.
- c) Payment of Bills

Motion by Hanson, second by Makay, 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) **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 for more information.
- c) **Lake of the Woods Special Assessment Resolution and Public Hearings (April & May)** – Two public hearings are being held to discuss the LOTW Special Assessment renewal on April 08, 2025, and May 13, 2025.
- d) **Blight** – Deputy Hathaway gave updates regarding blight complaints within the Township.

7. New Business

- a) **Police coverage: vote or special assessment** – The Township is looking to add additional police coverage and discussing how best to raise the funds needed.

Motion by Klein, second by Makay, to approve getting more information on the special assessment option to raise the funds needed. Motion carried.

- b) **CR 215 bridge approach** – Supervisor Conway is looking into funding opportunities to fix and maintain the CR 215 bridge.

- c) **Hose Tester – Sell** – The hose tester is outdated and no longer needed.

Motion by Makay, second by Klein, to approve the sale of the fire hose pressure tester. Motion carried.

- d) **PA 116 Ceres** – The reviewing agencies received and reviewed the PA 116 termination request and had no comments that would not support the termination. This request will be forwarded to MDARD and might need further review if more information is needed from MDARD.

Motion by Hanson, second by Makay, to approve the PA 116 termination request based on the information provided at the time and to forward this approval to MDARD.

- e) **Courier Leader** – The Board is looking into options for publishing and current rates.

- f) **Ben Brousseau (APG) 2-year contract renewal** –

Motion by Hanson, second by Klein, to approve a 2-year contract renewal with Appraisals Plus Group, LLC – Benjamin Brousseau, assessor. Motion carried.

- g) **Walker Property Tax sale** – Intent to claim paperwork has been filed with the County.

h) **Mowing/Plowing Increase – Kusmack Lawn care –**

Motion by Makay, second by Klein, to approve the price increase for mowing and plowing of \$50.00 per month. Motion approved.

i) **Building Inspection Company** – The Board reviewed the options presented at last month’s Board meeting and have decided to move forward with Scott Saunders.

Motion by Makay, second by Klein, to approve moving forward with Scott Saunders for the Townships building inspection needs. Motion approved.

8. Reports

Supervisor – Recap of agenda items; Storm damage; Blight issues

Treasurer – Tax collection has been balanced with the County Treasurer

Zoning – 2 permits issued

Planning – “Tiny” homes; Short Term Rentals ordinance on website

Sherriff – 56 calls for March; Thefts continue to rise, install cameras; Phone scams on the rise

Fire Board/Quick Response – Sale of hose tester; CPR certifications; QR is continually doing a great job

Grange Hall – Rentals for 2025 scheduled; Dance held on April 5,2025 had a great turn out

Assessor – Parcel reviews have started for 2025

Sexton – Spring Clean-up for the cemetery needs to be completed by April 15, 2025

Roads- Boom mowing; Pothole patching; Click Fix app on the County website; 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 – Decatur Transfer Station opening on April 26, 2025, and the last free dump day; 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 8:02 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk