

Hamilton Township Board
May 13, 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 ten guests present.

2. Limited Public Comments

Tim Grant, Jake Goens – Blight issue comments; Dr. Riley – Trespassing issues and assessing comments

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: New Business c) Ceres PA 116 resolution (MDARD) Deletions: New Business b) Gary Schanz renew

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 April 08, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for April - Cash Balances as of 04/30/25: General Fund - \$306,763.55; Road Fund - \$69,493.03; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$22,605.05.
- c) Payment of Bills

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

6. Old Business

- a) **Open Field Project** – A controlled burn was completed.
- 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. There will be a Cyber Security class held on May 22, 2025, at the VBISD conference center from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- c) **Lake of the Woods Special Assessment Resolution and Public Hearings (April & May)** – Two public hearings have now been 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.
- e) **Dump Day** – The new Recycling Resource Center is now open on Beers St in Decatur.

7. New Business

- a) **Removal of the State for permit needs** – The Board reviewed the State Construction Code Ordinance. An Ordinance to assume responsibility pursuant to Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1972, as amended, for administration and enforcement of said Act as to those portions of the State Construction Code promulgated thereunder consisting of the Michigan Building Code, the Michigan Residential Code, the Michigan Electrical Code, the Michigan Plumbing Code and the Michigan Mechanical Code; to provide for the designation of an enforcement officials hereunder; to provide for a Township Construction Board of Appeals' to permit the Township Board to set certain fees by Resolution of said Township Board; to provide for sanctions for violations of the aforementioned Act and Codes' and to repeal all conflicting ordinances. Motion by Klein, second by Makay, to approve the State Construction Code Ordinance. Roll Call: Klein – Yes, Makay – Yes, Mott – Yes, Hanson – Yes, Conway – Yes. Motion carried.

- b) **2025 VBCCD Resource Recovery & Recycling Program Contract renewal** - The Board reviewed the contract renewal received from the VBC Conservation District.

Motion by Hanson, second by Klein, to renew the contract by contributing \$500.00 to the program. Motion carried.

- c) **Ceres PA 116 – Resolution review from Lawyer** – The Board reviewed an updated resolution from the Townships lawyer. A call to MDARD for more information is needed to proceed.

8. Reports

Supervisor – Recap of agenda items; Fire Dept yard sale; Blight issues; Grants

Treasurer – Will receive delinquent tax money from the County in June

Clerk – Annual ARPA Budget sent to the State; Working on fiscal year budget

Zoning – 3 permits issued; Ground mounted solar discussed

Sherriff – 55 calls for April; Thefts continue to rise, install cameras; Phone scams on the rise

Fire Board/Quick Response – Looking into possible grants; QR is continually doing a great job

Grange Hall – Rentals for 2025 scheduled; Painting and other improvements taking place

Assessor – Parcel reviews have started for 2025

County Commissioner - Leary – Market One housing study completed; 911 staffing approved

Roads- Boom mowing; Pot hole patching; Roadside mowing; Red Arrow road work to start; 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 – Open field project; 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 7:58 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk