

Hamilton Township Board
June 10, 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 eleven guests present.

2. Limited Public Comments

None.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the May 13, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for May - Cash Balances as of 05/31/25: General Fund - \$287,230.59; Road Fund - \$43,981.76; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$22,605.98.
- c) Payment of Bills

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

6. Old Business

- a) **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. The cyber security class held on May 22, 2025, had a good turnout.
- b) **Blight** – Deputy Hathaway gave updates regarding blight complaints within the Township.
- c) **Senior Services Presentation** – Gary Schanz from Paw Paw Senior Services will be at the July meeting to give a presentation about the services provided for our area.

7. New Business

- a) **Special Assessment for Increased Police Resolution** – The Board reviewed the special assessment resolution declaration of intent to tentatively designate township of Hamilton Police Protection Services Special Assessment District and for notice of public hearing.

Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to adopt the resolution. Roll Call: Klein – Yes, Makay – Yes, Mott – Yes, Hanson – Yes, Conway – Yes. Motion carried.

- b) **Bike Tour Special Event** – The Board reviewed the Vineyard Classic Bike Tour Application from the Road Commission.

Motion by Klein, second by Hanson, to approve the application and draft a letter of support. Motion carried.

- c) **MTA Annual Dues** – The Board reviewed the annual dues sent from the Michigan Township Association.

Motion by Makay, second by Hanson, to approve the annual payment of dues provided by MTA. Motion carried.

- d) **Township Budget Hearing** – The Budget hearing will be held on Wednesday June 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

- e) **STR Fee schedule** – The Board reviewed the proposed fee schedule for short term rentals. Application fee of \$500.00 and a permit fee of \$1000.00/annually.

Motion by Klein, second by Makay, to approve the proposed fee schedule for short term rentals. Motion carried.

8. Reports

Supervisor – Recap of agenda items; Newspaper rates; Blight issues

Treasurer – Delinquent tax money from the county received; Summer tax bills to be mailed in July

Clerk – Township Budget

Sherriff – 40 calls for May; Thefts continue to rise, install cameras; Phone scams on the rise

Planning – Short Term Rental discussions

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 completed; Thank you to Doug Hanson for all his help with improvement projects

Sexton – Thank you to Ace Hardware in Decatur for the flag donation for the cemetery and to Sandy Hanson on the donation of the beautiful flowers for the cemetery

Assessor – Parcel reviews continue for 2025

County Commissioner - Leary – Courthouse restoration work and outside building cleaning has started; Replacement of windows

Roads- Chip Sealing; Fog sealing; Dust control; 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 7:39 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk