

Hamilton Township Board
January 13, 2026
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 Justin Klein. There were sixteen guests present.

2. Limited Public Comments

Ellen Knapp – Possible new cell tower – against
Albert Gearing – Possible new cell tower - against

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 December 09, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for December - Cash Balances as of 12/31/25: General Fund - \$265,929.89; Road Fund - \$8,647.27; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$8,233.00.
- c) Payment of Bills

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

6. Old Business

- a) **Demo home** – The demolition has been completed. The County will be contacted for reimbursement procedures.

7. New Business

- a) **STR house #s (size required)** – Currently the size of the required house numbers is 5 ft. This will be updated to be between 3ft and 5 ft.
- b) **Farmland Preservation Grant – Druskovich Farms** – The Board reviewed a resolution in support of a Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Application submitted by Carl and Amy Druskovich and Druskovich Farms.

Motion by Klein, second by Hanson, to approve the application submitted. Motion carried.

- c) **Senior Services** – The Board discussed allocation of the Senior Services Funds. It will remain going to Lawrence Senior Services for the time being. Paw Paw Senior Services has been informed.
- d) **BOR, ZBA, Planning Commission Terms** – The Board reviewed the current terms and appointments and have determined they are all filled and term expirations are up to date.

8. Reports

Supervisor – Recap of agenda items; Meeting with Village of Decatur to discuss CR 215 improvements

Treasurer – Tax collection for winter – 63%

Zoning – Talk of a new cell tower application in the works by a resident with more information to come when available

Planning – Data Center discussion; Budget adjustments

Sexton – JC Tree Service to clean up back tree line; Dave Wiles will plant grass seed

Sherriff – 39 calls for December; Thefts continue to rise, install cameras; Phone scams on the rise; Blight updates

Fire Board/Quick Response – QR is continually doing an excellent job with a 93% response rate; Grain bin incident plan of action review being held on January 13, 2026, at the fire station

Grange Hall – Closed for the winter

Roads- Budgets; 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 Lawrence Township Senior Citizen Program; Having a outstanding turnout for dinners and activities; Visit <https://hamiltontownshipmi.org> for more information

Conservation District – 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. Limited Public Comments

Tom Ruffo – Possible new cell tower - against

Albert Gearing – ATV/Golf carts on roads

10. 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