

**Hamilton Township Board**  
**March 10, 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 thirteen guests present.

**2. Limited Public Comments**

Chris Tapper – Village of Decatur – Fireman’s Park & Red Wolff Park

**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 February 10, 2026, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for February - Cash Balances as of 02/28/26: General Fund - \$302,702.47; Road Fund - \$36,109.62; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$14,691.90.
- c) Payment of Bills

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

**6. Old Business**

- a) **State license change over for permits** – The Townships lawyer is still working on this lengthy process to get away from the state for our permit process.
- b) **Nixle.com – Communication software** – The Village of Decatur already uses this website to communicate information. They are allowing us to try their format. Please sign up at Nixle.com for more information.
- c) **MTA vs State – Power to decide** – The Board discussed pending state legislation that may impact township authority over zoning and local decision making.
- d) **Fireman’s Park** – Located next to the Fire Department, upgrades and improvements have started including a pickle ball court.

**7. New Business**

- a) **BOR March** – The Board of Review will meet on Monday March 09, 2026, and Wednesday March 11, 2026, for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials. Appointments are required. Contact the Assessor at 269-655-1144 for more information.
- b) **Grange Hall Property – Tree cleanup** – There is a need to clean up some dangerous branches and other downed trees obstructing the walking path. Supervisor Conway will reach out to the Van Buren Conservation District.

**8. Reports**

**Supervisor** – Recap of agenda items

**Treasurer** – Tax collection for Winter 88%, Summer 96%

**Clerk** – Early Voting Training

**Zoning** – 1 permit issued; Need a permit for building projects of any kind

**Planning** – Next meeting is on Monday April 13, 2026, at 7:00p.m.

**Sexton** – Cemetery Clean up

**Sherriff** – 25 calls for February; 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 94% response rate; QR supply room organization update

**Grange Hall** – Opening April 4<sup>th</sup>, dance to be held

**Roads**- Hiring 5-7 people; Pothole repairs; Tree work on 352 towards Keeler; 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 an 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**

None.

**10. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Hanson, second by Klein, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk