

Hamilton Township Board
April 14, 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 nineteen guests present.

2. Limited Public Comments

Chris Moraitis – State Senate Candidate

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 10, 2026, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for March - Cash Balances as of 03/31/26: General Fund - \$328,069.66; Road Fund - \$85,612.02; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$22,944.28.
- c) Payment of Bills

Motion by Hanson, second by Makay, 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) **Fireman's Park** – Located next to the Fire Department, upgrades and improvements have started including a pickle ball court.

7. New Business

- a) **Letter of Support – Red Woolfe Park** – The Board reviewed a request from the Village of Decatur asking for a letter to support their application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the Red Woolfe Park Accessibility Improvement Project. A letter will be sent indicating that Hamilton Township supports this project.

Motion by Makay, second by Klein to approve the letter of support. Motion carried.

- b) **Moratorium on Data Centers – Ordinance and Resolution –**

Motion by Hanson, second by Makay, to approve Ordinance No. 2/04-14-2026, An Ordinance to Enact a Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers. Roll Call: Hanson – Yes, Mott – Yes, Makay – Yes, Klein – Yes, Conway – Yes. Motion carried. (A copy of the ordinance is attached and made a part of these minutes.) The ordinance will become effective thirty days from the date of publication in the Decatur Republican.

Motion by Klein, second by Makay, to approve a Resolution to Adopt a Non-Zoning Temporary Police Power Moratorium Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 2/04-14-2026 on Data Centers and to Direct the Planning Commission to Prepare a Temporary Moratorium Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment on Data Centers. Roll Call: Klein – Yes, Makay – Yes, Mott – Yes, Hanson – Yes, Conway – Yes. Motion carried.

- c) **FEMA Floodplain Program Agreement** – The Board reviewed the Michigan Community Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement to Manage Floodplain Development for the National Flood Insurance Program.

Motion by Makay, second by Klein, to approve the Floodplain Agreement. Roll Call: Makay – Yes, Mott – Yes, Hanson – Yes, Klein – Yes, Conway – Yes. Motion carried.

- d) **FEMA Floodplain Ordinance –**

Motion by Hanson, second by Makay, to approve Ordinance No. 1/04-14-2026, An Ordinance Addressing Floodplain Management Provisions of the State Construction Code. Roll Call: Mott – Yes, Hanson – Yes, Klein – Yes, Makay – Yes, Conway – Yes. Motion carried. (A copy of the ordinance is attached and made a part of these minutes.) The ordinance will become effective thirty days from the date of publication in the Decatur Republican.

- e) **Decatur Day Festival Sponsorship** – The Board reviewed the 2026 Decatur Day Festival Sponsorship Invitation from the Village of Decatur.

Motion by Makay, second by Klein, to approve a donation in the amount of \$500.00 for the Decatur Day Festival. Motion carried.

8. Reports

Supervisor – Recap of agenda items; Cell Towers; VBC Road Comm road work; VBC Road Comm. budget

Treasurer – Taxes have been settled with the County

Zoning – 4 permits issued; Need a permit for building projects of any kind

Planning – Meeting was held on Monday April 13, 2026, at 7:00p.m.; Cell Towers

Sherriff – 75 calls for March; 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 96% response rate; Call stats

Grange Hall – Great turn out for the dance held on April 4, 2026

County Commissioner – Leary – Master Plan; Public health operations; VA services; Commissioner seat filled; Data Centers

Roads- Road project recap; Tree work on 352 towards Keeler; New mowers purchased; 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 – Farming for the Future; Livestock Quick Response Training; 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

James Raffee – FEMA Floodplain

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Klein, second by Makay, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk