

Hamilton Township Board
May 12, 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 Trustee Justin Klein. Trustee Makay was excused. There were nine guests present.

2. Limited Public Comments

None.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Deletion – b) Security Cameras – Robert Rogers

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mott, second by Klein, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the April 14, 2026, meeting minutes as presented.
- b) Monthly Budget Report for April - Cash Balances as of 04/30/26: General Fund - \$353,259.34; Road Fund - \$108,035.37; Lake of the Woods Weed Fund - \$26,820.90.
- c) Payment of Bills

Motion by Hanson, second by Klein, 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.

7. New Business

- a) **Kallie – VB Conservation District** – Kallie gave an update on recycling programs available to Hamilton Townships residents. Please visit www.vabburencd.org for more information.
- b) **New fees for cemetery services** – The Board reviewed current cemetery fees and approved an adjustment to the fee schedule to better align with increasing operational and maintenance costs, ensuring the continued sustainability of and upkeep of cemetery services. Effective June 1st.

Motion by Hanson, second by Klein, to approve a fee increase of \$700/per grave opening/closing, \$200/cremation burial, \$0.46 foundation per square inch. Sundays and holidays are double the cost. Motion carried.

- c) **Working America** - Working America, a community affiliate of the AFL-CIO, will again be conducting a door-to-door organizing drive in Hamilton Township, Van Buren County, starting on the 5th of May 2026, and continuing at least through 5th of September.
- d) **IT Service, Oakland County** – The Board discussed necessary updates to the credit card system that the Township utilizes for tax payments.

Motion by Hanson, second by Klein, to approve the updates to the credit card system. Motion carried.

- e) **VB Conservation District Resource Recovery & Recycling Program Contribution - \$500.00**

Motion by Klein, second by Hason, to approve the contribution to the program in the amount of \$500.00. Motion carried.

8. Reports

Supervisor – Recap of agenda items; STR; VBC Road Comm. budget

Treasurer – Taxes have been settled with the County

Clerk – ARPA reporting; Budget; Election Training

Planning – Zoning and Planning training attended; Next meeting July 13th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Sherriff – 50 calls for April; 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 – Available for rentals

County Commissioner – Leary – Update on County business and services

Roads- New chip seal spreader; 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 – Contact the Conservation District at 269-657-4030 ext. 5, www.vanburencd.org or visit their Facebook page at: Van Buren Conservation District for information on available programs and resources for our area

9. Limited Public Comments

John Young – Zoning bills – State control

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Klein, second by Mott, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Rebecca Mott, Hamilton Township Clerk