

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**10/17/2023 – MINUTES**

Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Hatton Township Board

CALL TO ORDER: by Superintendent Hileman; Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present by rollcall: Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y, McClain; Y; Humphrey; Y; Guiette; Y Guests

present: Terry Acton, Jeff Smith, Bill Simpson, Jerry Becker

ACCEPT or AMEND AGENDA: Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to accept agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to approve the 9/19/23 Regular Board Meeting which was provided to the board in advance and made available to the public; motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

-Revenue for month of September-\$992.32

-Expenditures for month of August-\$37,337.31

-General Fund Balance-\$104,376.80

-Motion by Farrell supported by Guiette to approve the Treasurer's report as given; motion carried.

-Due to bills for October being \$85,527.46 and General Fund only having a balance of \$18,849.34, instead of renewing a CD for \$15,000 from Mercantile Bank, board has decided to cash in CD and move the money to the General Fund. \$60,000 of the \$85,527.46 was from the Monroe Road project from Bass Lake to Railroad Grade.

Motion by Farrell; Supported by Farrell to transfer the \$15,000 CD from Mercantile Bank to the General Fund; Rollcall vote: Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y, Guiette; Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

-Jeff Smith is waiting on headstone for Bennett's gravesite

-Smith is working on raising lot markers before the snow falls

-Terry Acton reported that the ongoing blight case on Timberlane will go back to court on October 25. Mom and son must appear for court that day.

-Acton said that there on several blight cases that he is in the beginning steps on other properties in the township, mostly on Timberlane Road. It is a process that will take time, but he will stay with it until homeowners are brought into compliance and cleanup is complete.

REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:

-Simpson reported that the roundabout on Surrey and Old State will be operational on October 27

- Jerry Becker Presented 2 items for adoption by the Township Board.

1. Hazardous Material Spill Cost Recovery Ordinance

Motion by Guiette, seconded by Farrell to adopt the Hazardous Material Spill Cost Recovery Ordinance:

Rollcall vote: Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y, Guiette; Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y-Motion Carried.

Notice will be published in the Clare County Cleaver for 2 weeks and on the Hatton Township website.

A couple will go to the Planning and Zoning to committee as an amendment for the zoning ordinances.

2. Becker asked if Hatton Township Hall could be used as a short-term emergency shelter since we have a generator, restrooms and running water, and are close to the Highway, we would make a great site.

Motion by Farrell; seconded by Guiette to make Hatton Township Hall a short-term Emergency shelter. Rollcall vote: Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y, Guiette; Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y. Motion Carried. A signed copy of the Emergency Shelter contract will be posted on the Township's website.

REPORTS: TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Zoning Meeting Special Zoning Meeting

No Zoning contracts issued.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent/Delivered: Checks for September bills totaling \$37, 337.31; 3rd quarter F 941 sent; 3rd quarter unemployment for employers submitted; 40 Absentee ballots sent for the November 7, school election; Municipal Fire Protection Questionnaire sent; Early Voting Plan; Early Voting Consolidated Contract with County Clerk required by Bureau of Elections sent.

Received: Sherriff's report; Fire report; L4029 from Mid Michigan College; Invoice from Clare County Road Commission for Monroe Road from Bass Lake to Railroad Grade completion.

TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:

- McClain-County Clerk's meeting September 28
- McClain-9 days Early voting training (Required by Bureau of Elections) October 17

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

-None

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

-Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to pay the October bills totaling \$85,527.46. motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:

-Blight Updates-See Public Comments above.

NEW BUSINESS

-Discussed Intergovernmental Agreement for Blight Officer between County of Clare, Community Services and Hatton Township-McClain will ask Lori Phelps about the hourly rate and board will sign contract during November's Board Meeting.

-Better lighting for township hall parking lot: McClain purchased some LED Solar Lights to put on the outside of building-She will need someone to put them up before election-Jerry Becker said that he would be willing to install on October 18.

Farrell will contact an electrician to see if porch lights could be reprogrammed to stay on longer than 30 minutes at a time.

-23-24 Snowplow and Salt Contract-McClain has contact Steve Keysor who has plowed previous years. Steve is willing to plow and salt. Price will be \$45 per plow with a maximum of \$90 if plowing and salting parking lot. Motion by Farrell; seconded by Guiette to do a contract with Steve Keysor for plowing and salting from November 23 through April 1. Motion carried. McClain will send Keysor a contract for him to sign and return.

Next Meeting:

Results of November 7 school election
Blight updates

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Guiette supported by McClain to adjourn meeting at 9:27 pm; Motion carried.

Prepared: 10/17/2023 ~~Not Approved~~

Approved: 11/21/2023 Linda McClain, Clerk