

**HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING****12/19/2023 – 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: Commissioner, Jack Kleinhardt, Jeff Smith

**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 11/21/23 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 November-\$1,423.29

-Expenditures for month of October-\$9,894.28

-General Fund Balance-\$46,099.08

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

-No CD's for renewal for this month.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

-Smith reported that due to health issues, that he has not completed the fall clean up at the cemetery or at the hall.

**REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:**

-Commissioner Kleinhardt-reported that the Clare County Animal Shelter was awarded an MSU Veterinarian Inten at the animal shelter. The animal shelter as well as the Senior Services do a great service for the County.

-After the December 5 stalemate mediation meeting, the case between Prosecutor Ambrozaitis and County Commissioners will be going to court possibly in March.

**REPORTS: TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Zoning Meeting Special Zoning Meeting**

1 zoning permit issued:

Marion Latunski

Planning and Zoning Board are anticipating that they will be having a meeting in late January once everyone calendar has been agreed upon.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Sent/Delivered:** November bills sent totaling: \$ 9,894.28; December 2023 Board of Review notice sent to Clare County Review to be posted 12/1 and 12/8; 117 Absentee Ballot Applications for the 2024 elections; 39 Ballot Selection forms for 2/27/24 Presidential Primary to Permanent Ballot Residents mailed by Clerk.

**Received:** Sherriff's report; Fire report; Post-Election Audit for 11/7/23 election (Clerk will be meeting with County Clerk on 12/20 to complete).

**TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:**

McClain-County Clerk's meeting December 6

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:**

101-851-918 Municipal Package budgeted \$5,400 (current balance -\$111.00)

101-336-818 Fire Protection Contract Services budgeted \$33,000 (current balance -702.56)

Motion by Farrell, supported by Guiette to due the budget adjustments as stated above; motion carried.

**MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:**

-Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to pay the December bills totaling \$58,831.06 motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:**

-Blight Updates-No blight updates currently

**NEW BUSINESS**

-Approve and sign Fire Protection Contract with City of Harrison for 2024-amount being \$33,702.56.

Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to approve and sign the Fire Protection Contract; Rollcall vote: Hileman; Y, Guiette; Y, Farrell; Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y, motion carried.

-Township discussed using the remainder of the unassigned ARPA funds of \$17,547.89. ARPA received \$98,493. \$80,945.11 of the money has been allocated for the Super 6 paving project that the Clare County Road Commission presented in 2022. It was discussed to use the \$17,547.89 to pay for Monroe Rd east of S Clare Avenue (north of Mid-Michigan College) that is in much need of improvement.

-Discussed and approve of having Treasurer Humphrey move \$33,702.56 from the Fire Fund at Members First Credit Union to General Fund at Huntington Bank to cover the cost of the 2024 Fire Fund Contract. Motion by Farrell, supported by Guiette to have Humphrey move \$33,702.56 from the Fire Fund to Huntington Bank; Rollcall vote: Hileman; Y, Guiette; Y, Farrell; Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y, motion carried.

-The General Fund is currently negative \$12,731.91 after paying the December bills. Moving the money from Fire Fund to cover the cost of paying the Fire Fund, as well as property taxes and sales tax revenue that should be deposited from State of Michigan at end of December will bring the balance to a positive balance.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Election Commissioner Meeting and Ballot Accuracy Testing (McClain will let the members know of date after the holidays).

January 2024 Regular Board meeting is January 16, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to adjourn meeting at 8:38 pm; Motion carried.

Prepared: 12/19/2023 ~~Not Approved~~

**Approved: 1/16/2024; Linda McClain, Clerk**