

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**12/20/2022 – MINUTES**

Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Hatton Township Board

CALL TO ORDER: by Superintendent Hileman; Pledge of Allegiance

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

Guest present: Jeff Smith, Terry Acton

ACCEPT or AMEND AGENDA: Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to accept 12/20/22 agenda with amendments of discussion of updates to Monroe Road (RR grade to Bass Lake Road) and discuss hiring Terry Acton as Blight officer.**MINUTES:** Motion by Farrell supported by Guiette to approve the 11/15/22 Regular Board Meeting which were provided to the board in advance and made available to the public; motion carried.**TREASURERS REPORT:**

-Treasurer and Clerk balances matched at ending balance of \$84,605.73 for General Fund

-No CD's up for renewal.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

-Terry Acton told us about some possible blight related issues in Hatton Township that Acton and Supervisor, Hileman looked at during their ride around township in mid-November. Not a ton of blight, but some areas that will need to be addressed.

Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to hire Terry Acton as a blight officer for Hatton Township at \$13 per hour. Roll call vote: Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y, Humphrey; Y, Guiette; Y, McClain; Y. Motion carried.

-Jeff Smith reported about putting up the new LED flood lights and bulb extenders in the porch lights at hall. McClain purchased with her own finances a couple of solar, motion detector lights that could be put on peak of porch to give additional light to the parking lot.

REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:

No reports

REPORTS: TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Zoning Meeting Special Zoning Meeting

1 zoning permit was issued

Public Hearing for the Masterplan will be held on January 24, 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE:**Sent/Delivered:** November bills; Sent Michigan Chloride some proposed 2023 dates for brine schedule: May 15 and August 18.**Received:** Sherriff's report; Fire report; FOIA request; information about the proposal 2022-2, voting precincts will need to be open 9 days prior to state and federal elections, 1 application request for absentee ballot, voter will automatically be sent an absentee ballot forever or if you have not voted for 6 years; LED flood bulbs and extenders; Charter Communications upcoming increase in services.

TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:

McClain-Clare County Clerks Monthly Meeting 11/29/22
Hileman MTA meeting 12/6, Willis Blight Court Case 12/12

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

101-336-818 Fire Protection Contract Services Budgeted \$26,000 (current balance -\$5,771.28)
Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to move money from Fire Fund (Prime Share at Members First Credit Union) to General Fund to balance the Fire Protection Contract account; motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to pay the December 2022 bills totaling \$61,240.32.

OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:

-Ongoing blight case against A. Willis; defendant did not show for December 12 court case. Acton recommended that township gets lawyer, Hoerauf to petition to remediate the situation since the case has been going on for almost 2 years.
-Township decided not to proceed with doing anything with the drain/sewer line so it does not freeze this year like it did last year. Since the ground did not freeze hard last year, we are hoping that is not the case this year. We may address this in the future if the drain freezes again this year.

NEW BUSINESS

-Monroe Road needs repairs-Hileman will speak to Clare County Road Commission to see what can be done to make the road better and will report back at January meeting.
-Hileman stated that any board members who works on fulfilling information requested for FOIA requests, should be compensated above their normal salary. McClain will contact MTA to get additional information.
-McClain reported that Weinlander Fitzhugh are close to completing audit and that so far things look good.
-Motion by Farrell, supported by Guiette to renew the 2023 Fire Contract with Harrison Fire Dept. Charges have increased from 7 percent to 9 percent: rollcall vote: Hileman; Y, Guiette; Y, Farrell; Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y-motion carried.
-Clerk McClain, informed board that with the passing of Proposal 2022-2 at November election, that township election inspectors will be required to be available 9 days prior to state and federal elections to accommodate early voting. One application to request to obtain an absentee ballot will last for 6 years of obtaining an absentee ballot without having to fill out another application.

NEXT MEETING:

-Updates about findings from CCRC about updates to Monroe Road (Railroad grade to Bass Lake)
-MTA recommendations about additional compensation for FOIA requests.
-Contract for blight officer

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to adjourn meeting at 9:07 pm; Motion carried.

Prepared: 12/20/22—~~not yet approved~~

Approved: 1/17/23, Linda McClain, Clerk