

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**02/15/2022 – MINUTES**

Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Hatton Township Board

CALL TO ORDER: by Superintendent Hileman at 7:30 pm; Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present by rollcall: Guiette; Y, N. Farrell; Y, McClain; Y; Humphrey; Y, Others present: Jeff Smith, John Jabour

ACCEPT or AMEND AGENDA: Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to accept agenda with amendment of adding noise complaint at August Hill: Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Guiette; supported by N. Farrell to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 1/18/2022, which were provided to the board in advance and made available to the public; motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Motion made by Guiette supported by Farrell to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; motion carried.

-No CD's maturity at this time.

-Clerk will take check for \$49,444.30 (money from ARPA) to Isabella Bank to invest in 1 year CD as approved unanimously by roll call vote by township board during the January 2022 regular board meeting.

-Clerk and Treasurer balanced at \$182,936.60

Public Comment:

-Jeff Smith reported that the property owner next to Township cemetery has some undisclosed personal issues and will not be able to move forward at this time with selling the adjacent property to current cemetery.

-Jeff has spoken to Prudenville Vault about the cost of storing deceased bodies that are waiting to be buried in Hatton Cemetery during the winter months. If the deceased family members purchase the vault from Prudenville Vault, they will store the body until July at no additional cost. After July, they will charge \$100 per month for storage.

-John Jabour owns property next to the blight property on Timberlane Road. He voiced concerns about not being able to sell his property or even be able to list the property with a relator due to the blight next door. Jabour has resorted to trying to sell the property himself. He voiced complaints about finding lots of trash that was discovered on his property that he had to clean up before he could put the property on the market. Jabour wanted to inquire where the township was at in the process of enforcing the blight law.

Reports by County Officials: No County Officials present

Reports: Township Officials:

- Land Division and Zoning Permits and Planning Commission

-1 Land Division Mark and Abbey Schrieber

-1 zoning permit issued to Owen and Marcie Malson for construction of a pole barn

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent/Delivered: January bills; Sent application for training to election inspectors.

Received: Sherriff's report; Fire Report; dates for election inspector training prior to August State Primary; \$198.30 Additional ARPA refund;

TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:

None

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

101-215-730 Clerk Postage Budgeted for \$200.00 (current balance-\$100,)

101-721-818 Planning and Zoning Contract Services budgeted for \$0 (current balance -\$285.00)

101-851-918 Municipal Insurance-Accident Fund budgeted \$5,250.00 (current balance-\$18.00)

101-965-003 General Fund to CD-Budgeted \$0 (current balance -\$49,444.30)

Motion by Guiette, supported by Farrell to balance the line items as stated above; motion carried.

Motion to Pay the Bills:

Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to approve to pay the February bills as presented; Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:

-Blight on Timberlane-Hileman reported that a letter will be mailed in March 2022 to the property owner to be petitioned to court.

-Due to undisclosed personal issues with seller, township will table at this time purchasing land adjacent north and east of current cemetery property.

-Due to redistricting in township all registered voters will need to be issued a new voter ID card before August 2022 election. The Bureau of Elections has not updated the redistricting completely in QVF due to some dispute of redistricting in certain areas in the state. Spectrum Printers can print, design and mail ID cards to all voters once everything is updated in QVF for a quote of \$695.70.

-Clerk and Treasurer will be checking with local banks and credit unions about obtaining a business credit card to be used to make tax exempt purchases for township needs.

-Survey and updated map of cemetery-Hileman will call Lampham and Associates about just surveying current cemetery right now and obtaining maps.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to transfer \$23,358.52 from Fire Fund at Members First Credit Union to General Fund at Huntington Bank to cover 2022 Fire Protection Contract.

Roll call vote: Hileman; Y, Guiette; Y, Farrell; Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y-Motion carried.

-Township hall furnace fan is squealing when trying to kick in-Martins Heating will be called by Hileman to have furnace serviced, cleaned and oiled.

-A couple of noise complaints have been reported by residents living near the August Hill Wedding Venue. Hileman will speak to the owners of August Hill.

-ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

-Hileman will speak to Lampham and Associates about survey contract and maps

-McClain will take check to Isabella Bank to invest ARPA funds to a CD.

-Humphrey and McClain will check different banks and credit unions to obtain and business credit card for using to purchase tax-exempt items needed for township.

-Hileman will speak to owners of August Hill Wedding Venue about the noise complaints

-Hileman will contact Martins Heating about servicing township hall furnace

-Hileman will contact Tara Hovey about the letter going out in March to Timberlane blight property

-Humphrey will go to MFCU and withdraw the \$23,358.52 funds from the High Yield Savings (Fire Fund Account) and deposit the money in to the general fund at Huntington Bank.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to adjourn meeting at 8:37 pm; Motion carried.

Prepared: 2/15/22– ~~not yet approved~~

Approved: 3/15/22, Linda McClain, Clerk