

**HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING****2/20/2024 – 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: Bill Simpson, Jeff Smith, Harold Bobo, Jack Kleinhardt, Ron Tetloff

**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 1/16/24 Regular Board Meeting which was provided to the board in advance and made available to the public; motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

- Revenue for month January-\$36,341.55
- Expenditures for month of December-\$5,908.29
- General Fund Balance-\$87,222.07

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

2 CD's at Isabella Bank are ready for rollover:

1. \$53,178.10 can rollover for 14 months at 3.93% or 24 months at 2.96%
2. 101,718.75 can rollover for 14 months at 3.93% or 24 months at 2.96%

Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to rollover both CD's at Isabella Bank for 14 months at 3.93% motion carried.

**REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:****-Clare County Commissioner, Jack Kleinhardt**

- Several fact-finding meetings have taken place about the concerns with slower ambulance responses from MMR to parts of the county.
- MMR states that had 26,669 calls in Clare County in 2023, of that 5% were life and death situations.
- State Legislators are keeping the proposed bill alive-requiring septic tank inspection every 5 years.
- Several townships have been approached by companies wanting to start solar wind farms in the county.

**-Road Commissioner, Bill Simpson:**

- Fisher Gravel came in with the same bid amount as they did in 2023.
- Super 6 Road Project is still ago for 2024/2025
- A new bridge will be installed on Colonville Rd between Eberhart and Brand Roads in 2026
- Gravel bill has stalled in Legislation
- Clare County Road Commission received feasibility study for new building for Road Commission. The current building is over 60 years old.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jeff Smith states that he has been working on the toilets at the township hall trying to get some of the lime build-up cleaned so that they are flushing better.

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

- 1 zoning permit issued since last board meeting.
- The Planning and Zoning Board have been holding regular weekly meetings in January and early February-They have made it through draft of the ordinances. It has been forwarded to Beckett&Raeder with some questions and possible other updates.
- Planning and Zoning will hold their next meeting through Webex or Zoom with Sarah from Beckett&Raeder, so that she does not have to travel from Traverse City.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Sent/Delivered:** January bills sent totaling \$5,908.29; mailed 76 absentee ballots for February 27, 2024 election; emailed County Democratic and Republican delegates the election commission minutes from 1/16/24.

**Received:** Sheriff's report; Fire report; letter from Lincoln Township notifying townships that they are in the beginning stage of updating their Master and Zoning Plan with Wade Trim; Sample soil results for old dump site (across from Browns Road) from City of Clare Public Works. Soil remains stable.

**TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:**

- McClain-attended 9 days early voting training at Clare County Building on February 8

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:**

-None

**MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:**

- Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to pay the February bills totaling: \$7,664.70 motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:**

-Blight Update-The lot of Timberlane that had 3 campers is down to 1 camper. They have put a woodstove in camper and are still living in it. They have been notified by blight officer that they must remove camper in 30 days or will face going to court.

**NEW BUSINESS**

-Clerk McClain asked the board to please give her a maximum dollar amount so that she could order the required security camera and light that the Bureau of Elections is requiring for townships to have to monitor ballot boxes (Bureau of Elections will reimburse). Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to give McClain the authority to order new security camera; up to \$200.

-Nomination Petition and Affidavit of Identity forms for Board Member running for reelection was passed out to board members-Due to County Clerk's office by April 23, 2024.

Board of Review will be meeting:

March 5 at noon for organizational meeting

March 11 9 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the township hall

March 14 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the township hall

**Next Meeting:**

Next Regular Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 7:30 pm.

**-ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to adjourn meeting at 8:42 pm; Motion carried.

Prepared: 2/20/2024-~~Not Approved~~

**Approved: 3/19/24, Linda McClain, Clerk**