

**HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING****02/21/2023 – 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

Guests present: Jeff Smith, Jack Kleinhardt, Bill Simpson, Kari and Carey Garber

presented; motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to approve the 02/21/23 Regular Board Meeting which were provided to the board in advance and made available to the public; motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

General Fund Balance: \$145,806.02

Fire Fund Balance \$134,830.26

No CD's coming up for maturity.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:****REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:****CORRESPONDENCE:**

Sent/Delivered: January bills totaling \$7,774.29 were paid.

Received: Sherriff's report; Fire report

**TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:**

Clerk McClain and Deputy Clerk, Merritt attended monthly County Clerks meeting on Thursday, January 26.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:**

None

**MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:**

Motion by Guiette, seconded by Farrell to pay the February bills totaling \$6,021.89.

**OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:**

-Hileman stated from the February 8 court hearing for blight against Willis on Timberlane, that there is a warrant for Willis arrest and that the township would pay for each of the non-licensed cars to be hauled away and taken to salvage. The cost for clean up and to have cars hauled will be added to the property owner's summer or winter taxes. When the cleanup happens, the Clare County Sheriff's Office, Clare County Cleaver and Blight officer, Terry Acton and Supervisor, Hileman will be present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

-The Board voted by roll call vote to adopt the Resolution to the 2022 Hatton Master Plan.

Motion by Guiette; supported by McClain to adopt the Resolution to adopt the 2022 Hatton Master Plan: Roll call vote: Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y; Guiette; Y; McClain; Y. Motion carried.

-The Board voted to reinstate the blight ordinance that was advised by township attorney's Hoerauf and Neville so that township to recoup any costs for clean up from blight-related expenses: Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to reinstate the blight ordinance; roll call vote: Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y, Guiette; Y, McClain; Y-motion carried.

-Clerk McClain asked if the June Board Meeting which is the meeting night for the 2023-24 budget could be changed from June 20 to June 13, due to some surgery that Clerk McClain will be having on June 19. McClain felt it was important for her to be present at the June meeting as she plays a vital role in presenting the budget and giving information about upcoming additional expenses that she is aware of. Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to change the June Board and Budget meeting from June 20 to June 13 starting at 6:30 pm for budget meeting and 7:30 pm for regular monthly board meeting. Roll call vote: Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y, Guiette; Y; McClain; Y. Motion carried.

-McClain informed the Board that Clare Public Schools will be holding a special election for bond issuance on May 2, 2023. The township will consolidate with the City of Clare for this election. Clerk McClain will still issue requested absentee ballots to any Hatton Township registered voters that pay property taxes to Clare Public School. McClain will assist Clare City Clerk if needed on the day of election. Township Hall will not be open on Election Day, May 2. Clerk McClain will hold office hours at the township hall on April 29 from 9 am to 5 pm for early voting or for Hatton Township residents who wish to register to vote.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Update on removal of cars/clean up on Timberlane.

Board of Review updates

Discuss the contract to consolidate with County Clerk's office for 9 days early voting.

Updates from the March 6<sup>th</sup> Planning and Zoning meeting

Discuss connecting to internet at RESD building.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to adjourn meeting at 9:39 pm; Motion carried.

Prepared: 2/21/23 ~~not yet approved.~~

Approved: 3/21/23, Linda McClain, Clerk