

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**03/15/2022 – 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 roll-call: Hileman; Y, Guiette; Y, N. Farrell; Y, McClain; Y; Humphrey; Y,
Others present: Jeff Smith, John Jabour, Tucker Heintz, Jay Warner, Bill Simpson, John Wilson, Sheryl Beyer, Ron Tetloff, Cami Loomis

ACCEPT or AMEND AGENDA: Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to accept the March 15, 2022 agenda as presented; Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Guiette; supported by N. Farrell to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 2/15/2022, which were provided to the board in advance and made available to the public; motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer presented Revenue and Expenditures for the month of February 2022

Treasurer and Clerk matched at ending monthly balance of \$129,270.41

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

Treasurer reported that a CD for \$52,941.11 at Isabella Bank is coming up for renewal: options for renewal are

0.20% for 24 months

0.15% for 12 months

0.36% for 36 months

Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to roll the CD at Isabella bank in to the 12-month 0.15% interest roll-call vote: Hileman; Yes, Guiette; Yes; Humphrey; Yes, Farrell; Yes, McClain; Yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

-Tucker Heintz and Jay Warner wanted to know if their business sign located on corner of Mannsiding and Harrison Avenue was following the township ordinance sign. Since their sign is located on the property of a business partner, it was deemed ok to remain where it is currently located.

-Jeff Smith showed board the new cemetery maps that Lampham & Associates had created. One large map for wall and 1 8 ½ x 11 map that could be used to put on the township website.

Smith stated that the township Clerk should be receiving mail soon about ordering new flags for cemetery for Memorial Day. Smith thought we should order about 25 new flags.

-John Jabour stated that he has checked on how much the blight home on Timberlane could get for titled and untitled cars at a scrap yard

-Sheryl Beyer is concerned about her property not being sprayed for gypsy moths summer 2022 again. Beyer is wondering why residents are paying taxes, but not getting sprayed. Beyer was informed that a proposal was approved on a 2020 election ballot that residents of Clare County approved an increase on property tax for spraying even though it stated that not all areas would be sprayed every year. Beyer has contacted the Department of Conservation and has received materials from them on how to protect her trees from being ruined by gypsy moths. Beyer said she is determined to save her trees this year.

REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:

- Sherriff Wilson presented statistics for calls and complaints that his officers responded to through-out the township and county for 2021
- Sherriff's department has 2 dispatcher positions to fill
- Jail currently has 140 inmates
- Sherriff's Department is looking to do an apprenticeship program with college students who are pursuing Criminal Justice programs/majors.
- Road Commissioner, Bill Simpson introduced Cami Loomis, a student from Harrison Schools who was attending our meeting to see how local government works for a class assignment.
- Commissioner Simpson, spoke about the new website that the CCRC now has: You can find out road closures, project bidding, file a service request and have the ability to track request.
- CCRC will be hiring 2 people for their summer apprenticeship program. Candidates are already being interviewed by the CCRC, Director.
- Timberlane will be finished for tar and gravel this summer after a gas line issue summer 21 held up completing the work.
- Blacktop prices this year increased from \$66 to \$68 dollars per ton.

REPORTS: TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Zoning Meeting Special Zoning Meeting

1 zoning permit was issued

Planning and Zoning board plans to meet on March 22 at 7:00 pm to view the results of the survey that property tax owners were sent as a bases for updating and restructuring zoning and ordinances

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent/Delivered: February bills; FOIA-Michigan Open the Book; Reporting of ARPA funds

Received: Sherriff's report; Fire Report; MTA Plan Board of Directors Elections; Consumers Energy Smart Thermostat for Business; Gypsy moth spraying maps; FOIA request from Matt Werle, AKT Peerless (forwarded to David Farrell, Jim VanWormer and Chris Danvelt on 2/24/22).; Business Credit Card application from Isabella Bank; Charter Communication change in channel programming; decrease in price of digital receivers and ethernet passive optical network; received 6 applications for Election Inspector training in July; Gypsy Moth Spray Map for 2022; Charter Communications ceasing distribution of CR1 Russia.

TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:

McClain met with Shelly at Weinlander Fitzhugh to do the annual reporting on ARPA funds

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

101-276-818 Cemetery Contract Services was budgeted for \$0 balance now(-\$500.00)

Motion by Guiette; supported by McClain to approve the budget adjustment as stated above; motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to pay the March bills as presented; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:

- Blight update on Timberlane Road-A letter to appear in court went out on March 1
- Cemetery survey and maps-Maps have been completed and delivered to township
- ARPA funds have been put in to a 1 year CD at Isabella Bank
- Martins Plumbing and Heating came out to see why furnace fan was making so much noise and to clean furnace and put new filters in. It was found that several dead bird carcasses were in the furnace.
- Tax exempt credit card-Clerk is still exploring options
- Treasurer has completed transferring money from high yield savings at Members First Credit Union to General Fund at Huntington Bank to cover the 2022 Fire Contract

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer is in need of a scanner-Will explore options and report back April meeting

Roll-call vote is need to adopt the federal poverty guidelines for 2022.

Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to adopt the Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2022 as presented:

Roll-call vote: Hileman; Yes, Guiette; Yes, Farrell; Yes, Humphrey; Yes, McClain; Yes, motion carried.

-ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Fact-finding report of scanner purchase options by Treasurer
- Fact-finding report on tax exempt credit card by Clerk
- Discuss blight officer
- Discuss maintenance protocol
- Discuss generator by August election
- Discuss outdoor lights on hall by August election

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Guiette; supported by Humphrey to adjourn meeting at 9:15 pm; Motion carried.

Prepared: 3/15/22– ~~not yet approved~~

Approved: 4/19/22, Linda McClain, Clerk