

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**03/21/2023 – 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

AGENDA

Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to accept the agenda as 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.

TREASURER'S 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:

-Kari and Carey Garber wanted to know if the Monroe Road project that will be taking place Summer 2023 will make it as far as their home. The answer is no, it is only a 1-mile project from Railroad Grade to the first mile of Monroe.

-Carey said that the road in front of their house is terrible. Due to thickness of trees in that area, the sun does not sun enough to dry out the road. Carey states that he has the equipment to fix the road, but because of liability of him being on road, he may not fix road without working with the CCRC to see if they would work with him.

-Kari asked if the monthly board meeting agenda could be added to the Hatton Township website-Clerk thought that was an excellent idea.

-Jeff Smith stated that Thomas Zienkiewicz, who has property next to the township hall is not interested any more in selling the piece of property to the township to extend the cemetery.

REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:

-Jack Kleinhardt reported there is a broadband grant that the townships and county could apply for. County Commissioners are in the process of finalizing the paying for salary for 2 years for the Election Specialist that the County Clerk, Lori Mott has been approval to hire. This will take some of the burden off the townships to pay the Election Specialist salary. This person will be responsible for running the 9 days of early voting before each federal and state election, which was part of the proposal 22-2 which voters voted in November 22.

-Bill Simpson from CCRC stated that brining for 2023 would go on as planned. EGLE is holding off their restrictions for now.

-Frost laws for the area roads will be done on Monday, March 27

REPORTS: TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Zoning Meeting Special Zoning meeting

No Zoning permits issued.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent/Delivered: February bills totaling \$6,021.89 were paid; FOIA request from Cathy Frantz, Research Analyst, Snap Tax and Lien Search; emailed the Resolution to adopt the 2022 Hatton Township Master Plan to Sara at Beckett Raeder; delivered the signed reinstate the blight ordinance to Hoerauf and Neville, PC.; sent 39 absentee ballots out to Clare Public School residents that requested a ballot for the May 2, special bond election.

Received: Sherriff's report; Fire report; Certificate of Compliance form for Michigan Liquor Control Commission; FOIA request from Michigan Open the Book.com

TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:

McClain February 23 Monthly County Clerk's meeting
Board of Review Meetings-March 13 & 16
Planning and Zoning-March 6

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

101-528-818 Rubbish Collection Contract budgeted \$80,000 (current balance -\$11,366.11)
101-266-828 Attorney Fee/Ordinance budgeted \$1,000 (current balance-\$550.00)

Motion by Farrell; supported Guiette; to make the budget adjustments as stated above; motion carried

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to pay March bills totaling: \$26,723.23.

OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:

-Blight on Timberlane-Warrant is still in effect. Fox Wrecker Service is buying all the cars to the defendant. Fox will move the cars out without charging the township for hauling the cars.
-Hooking RESD internet to township hall. We will be waiting to find out where the new building that the RESD will be putting up will go to find out what the distance will be to hook up internet from RESD and township hall.
-Clerk McClain gave a report on what it would cost township to do the 9 days of early voting at the hall verses consolidating with County Clerk's office. It will cost the township approximately \$9,000 per each election if the township chooses not to consolidate. For Presidential Election years, that would be approximately \$27,000 for the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer signed the 2023 Certificate of Compliance from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. This certificate must be signed every 3 years.

NEXT MEETING:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Humphrey ported by Guiette to adjourn meeting at 8:41 pm; Motion carried.

Prepared: 3/21/23-not yet approved.

Approved: 4/18/23, Clerk: Linda McClain