

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**4/15/2025 – MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Hileman; Y; Guiette; Y, Farrell; Y Humphrey; Absent, McClain; Y; Deputy Treasurer, Darla Schmittner Guests: Bill Simpson, Chuck Rogalski, Jeff Smith, Shaun Smith, Jack Kleinhardt, Randy Gray

ACCEPT or AMEND AGENDA Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried

MINUTES: Minutes for the Regular Monthly Board meeting of 3/18/2025 provided to the Board in advance and made available to the Public. Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to approve the 3/18/25 meeting minutes; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-Due to absence of Treasurer Humphrey; Treasurer's report was presented by Deputy Treasurer, Darla Schmittner. Treasurer Humphrey had prepared Treasurer's report in advance of the meeting.

Beginning Balance: \$115,145.27

Revenue: \$16,795.18

Expenditure: \$27,711.22

Ending Balance: \$104,229.23

- Motion by Farrell supported by Guiette to accept the Treasurer's report as given; motion carried.
- CD at Isabella Bank for \$106,373.36 is up for renewal. Isabella Bank rate is 4.00% for 12 months; Mercantile is 4.05% and Members First Credit Union is 4.17% for 12 months. Isabella Bank said that they would honor the credit union rate of 4.17%
Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to roll the CD at Isabella Bank over at 4.17% for 12 months; Roll call vote: Hileman, Y; Farrell, Y; Guiette, Y; McClain, Y; Humphrey absent; motion carried.

REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:

- Clare County Road Commissioner, Bill Simpson:
 - Jay Warner will start the cutting of trees and clearing on April 21 on Cornwell Road north of Mannsiding to dead end
 - Reith-Riley will be opening their black topping plant on April 28
 - Still talks about the pay per mile for driving instead of the gas tax
 - Lots of road work and bridges being replaced and repaired this summer, not only in Clare County, but throughout the state.
- Clare County Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt:
 - County Commissioners will be discussing the Harrison Airport grant at tomorrow's meeting
 - Talks about road funding in the State of Michigan are not good
 - Talks still about the Ax the Tax

REPORTS: TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Zoning Meeting Special Zoning meeting:

- 2 zoning permits issued: David Bedard for 14 x 40 Storage Shed; Nancy Ferrantino House with basement
- The Planning and Zoning Commission has 2 requests for Special Use Permits:

Rocks and Valleys want to add dirt bikes and ATVs to their existing Special Use Permit. A Public Hearing will be held on May 12 at 7:30 pm.

- Dallas Shull wants a Special Use Permit to open a gravel pit possibly within the next year-no date has been set for this meeting.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission is hoping to have a Public Hearing to present the updated Zoning and Masterplan (potential meeting date could be June 2 at 6:30 pm. A notice will be placed in the local newspapers, on the door of hall and on the township website once the date has been confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE: March bills paid; March Sherriff and Fire Reports; 1st quarter unemployment earnings filed; 1st quarter F491 filed with IRS; 131 Absentee Ballots mailed to township voters for the May 6, 2025 Clare-Gladwin RESD millage renewal; proposed Special Use Permit Appeal from August Hill owners; Clerk emailed needed documents to Accounting firm; Weinlander Fitzhugh for annual Expenditure Reporting for SLERF ARPA funding report.

TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:

- Clerk McClain attended the monthly County Clerks meeting on March 27, 2025

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS

- Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to pay the April bills totaling \$6,596.20 as presented; motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

- None

OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:

- Supervisor, Hileman stated that there were no blight updates to report at this time.
- The new tables that were purchased for the hall have been assembled
- Board reviewed Zoning Officer job description that Clerk McClain had prepared Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to use the job description/posting for the Zoning Officer. 2 weeks in both the Clare County Cleaver and Clare County Review as well as, Township website. The Board will review resumes received at May 20th Regular Board Meeting. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- The board discussed and signed 9 Days Early Voting Contract /Resolution with County. The cost would be that each township, as well as the City of Harrison and Clare would each pay \$758 per election and \$278 for ballot programming for each election. For the May 6, RESD election, the township will pay the \$278 for ballot programming, but since the RESD will be liable to pay for all election cost of a special election, the ultimate cost will be \$0 for the townships and City of Clare and Harrison. The board discussed that this was still much more cost efficient for County Clerk's office to handle the 9 days early voting than for the individual townships to try and pay for 9 days early voting if they were to do it on their own.
Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to approve and sign the contract. Roll call vote: Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y, Guiette; Y, McClain; Y; Humphrey (absent); motion carried.

- The Board will go into a closed session with Township Attorney; Heather Nevill to discuss the proposed appeal that was sent to attorney Nevill from Andrew and Sarah Morris's attorney.
 - Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette for the board to go in to closed session with Attorney Nevill; motion carried.
 - Board adjourned in to closed session.
 - Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to come out of closed session and reopen the meeting; motion carried;
 - Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to approve the proposed appeal for August Hill as presented:
 - Roll call vote: Hileman, Y; Farrell, Y; Guiette, Y; McClain, Y; Humphrey (absent) motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Guest, Randy Gray asked to have the total of money spent by the Township on the August Hill Special Use Permit Appeal once it has been settled.
- Maintenance and Sexton of Township, Jeff Smith said that due to his current health, that he would be asking his son, Shaun Smith to help do burials and some of the more challenging tasks until his health improved.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to adjourn meeting at 8:45 pm; motion carried.
- Clare Gladwin RESD Millage Election on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Special Use Permit Public Hearing for Rocks and Valleys, May 12 at 7:30 pm
- Salary and Fees Review Preparation for the 2025-26 budget- Meeting: Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 pm
- Next monthly regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 7:30 pm
- Public Hearing for Updated Zoning and Masterplan (**Tentatively**) June 2 at 6:30 pm

Prepared: 4/15/2025 ~~Not Approved, prepared by Linda McClain, Clerk~~

Approved: 5/20/25 by Hatton Township Board