

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**5/20/2025 – MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Hileman; Y; Guiette; Y, Farrell; Y Humphrey; Y; McClain; Y; Guests: Bill Simpson, David Hoeftling, David Hutchinson, Bill Hoeftling

ACCEPT or AMEND AGENDA: Clerk McClain asked for amendment to the agenda adding Sexton and Maintenance contract for 2025-26 fiscal year be added to new business. Motion by Farrell supported by Guiette to approve the agenda with amendment; motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes for the Regular Monthly Board meeting of 4/15/2025 provided to the Board in advance and made available to the Public. Motion by Farrell supported by Guiette to approve the 4/15/25 meeting minutes; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance: \$104,229.23

Revenue: \$18,510.92

Expenditure: \$6,596.20

Ending Balance: \$116,143.95

No CD's up for maturity currently.

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

REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:

- Clare County Road Commissioner, Bill Simpson:
 - No new news out of Lansing
 - The tree cutting on Cornwell north of Mannsiding is nearly completed.
 - The tree cutting for widening of road and turn lane in front of new CTE building on S Clare Avenue has already started. Most work will start after Memorial Day.
 - 8 1/2 miles of paving road in Clare County has already been completed-5 miles in Winterfield Twsp, 2 Miles in Freeman Twp, 1 mile Frost/Franklin, ½ mile Redding twsp.
 - 2 bridges have already been done and reopened
 - Colonville Road bridge and work on the road will be completed by July 1.
 - Work has already started on the new Clare County Road Commission building has started. A shared driveway between CCRC and Cook's Forest Products, with a center divider.
 - Next MTA meeting is June 3 at 6:30 pm at the north end of Hayes Township Hall.
- Clare County Commissioner David Hoeftling due to Jack Kleinhardt absence:
 - There have been several CC Sherriff office cars that have been wrecked/damaged in the past several months. The Clare County Commissioners approved \$34,000 for leases for new police cars.
 - The Clare County Commissioners approved to accept 2 grants for airport improvement totaling \$260,000. The airport officials have purchased used airport lighting from an airport in Romeo, MI. Crack sealing will also be done on the airport runways
 - A fly-in at Harrison Airport took place on May 17-the weather was not great so the turnout was low. Those that did attend seemed to enjoy themselves.
 - The airport property is owned by the County, but the hangers and restaurant lease the property and own the buildings.

- The Clare County Commissioners have adopted some new policies on how credit cards issued to county officials can be used.
- The 5-year Covid policy has been repealed by the County.
- Bridge on the expressway near Bailey Lake Road was hit and was damaged
- Line painting has been happening in Greenwood and Redding Townships

REPORTS: TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Zoning Meeting Special Zoning 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 the hall and on the township website once the date has been confirmed. A copy of the new and current zoning ordinances can be viewed on the Hatton Township website (hattontownship.com) or request to review a hard copy can be done so by contacting Hatton Township Clerk at 989-424-0808 or emailing hattonclerk@yahoo.com
- Update on Special Use Permit revision for Rocks and Valleys-Owner has decided to withdraw their revision for adding dirt bikes and ATVs to their current Special Use permit.
- A Special Hearing for a special use permit application for a small gravel pit from Fisher Construction Aggregate will take place on June 9 at 7:30 pm at the township hall. Notice will be placed in the Clare County Review, on the Hatton Township website and on the door of the township.
- No zoning or special use permits have been issued since the April regular township board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: April bills mailed; April sheriffs and fire reports; 134 absentee ballots mailed to township voters for the May 6, 2025 election; SLERF ARPA Annual Expenditure reporting complete; FOIA request from W. Jay Brown Attorney in Midland for anything to do with August Hill Special Use Permit and Permit Appeal; Clare County Equalization Contract; emailed signed 9 days early voting contract with County to County Administration Phelps; Emailed FOIA request information to W. Jay Brown; received a check for \$50 for FOIA request for Brown; Processed 165 votes out of 790 registered voters for May 6, 2025 Clare-Gladwin RESD Millage election; Reimbursement request for May 6, 2025 election sent to CGRES; Letter from FEMA about Flood Study

TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:

- Clerk McClain attended the monthly County Clerks meeting on April 24, 2025

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS

- Motion by Farrel supported by Guiette to pay the May bills totaling \$20,009.59 as presented; motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

101-101-958 Township Board Membership Dues (budgeted \$750.00, current balance -\$277.91)

101-724-900 Zoning Enforcement Officer Printing and Publishing (budgeted \$0, current balance - \$495.50)

101-257-818 Assessor Equalization Contract (budgeted \$4,250.00, current balance -\$1293.00)

- Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to approve the budget adjustments as stated above.

OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:

- Supervisor, Hileman stated that there were no blight updates, but that Blight Officer Terry Acton and Bill Hileman will be doing some follow up some already ongoing complaints.
- The Zoning Administrator position that was posted both in the Clare County Cleaver, Clare County Review and Hatton Township website has not received any resumes from interested candidates.
- Updates on the Special Use permit appeal from August Hill. The township met in closed session with township attorney, at the April 2025 meeting and agreed upon the appeal request, allowing August Hill to complete their contracts through the 2025 season and Special Use Permit would be ending with the Hatton Township in October 31, 2025. District Judge Ambrozaitis has not signed off on this case.

NEW BUSINESS

- Supervisor Hileman read a letter that the township received from FEMA wanting the township to complete a Flood Study-it was decided that the township does not have or has never had any flood issues.
- The township discussed and voted on the yearly Clare County Equalization Contract. Out of the 3 options, it was decided that the township would remain with option #3. It is more economical for the County to print and mail out the tax bills rather than the township completing the tasks. The yearly equalization contract for option #3 was \$1,293.00. Motion by Farrell supported by Guiette to approve option #3 of the Clare County Equalization Contract.
Roll call vote: Hileman; Y; Guiette; Y, Farrell; Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No public comment

ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to adjourn meeting at 8:25 pm; motion carried.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- June 2, 2025, at 6:30 pm, Public Hearing for review and hear public comment to changes to current Zoning Ordinances
- June 9, 2025, at 7:30 pm, Public Hearing for Special Use Permit Application from Fisher Construction Aggregates for a small gravel pit near Browns Road
- June 17, 2025, at 6:00 pm, Annual Township Budget Review for 2025-2026
- June 17, 2025, at 7:30 pm, Regular Monthly Board Meeting
- July TBD Board of Review Meetings

Prepared: 5/20/25 -Not Approved, prepared by Linda McClain, Clerk