

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**08/15/2023 – MINUTES**

Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Hatton Township Board

CALL TO ORDER: by Superintendent Hileman; Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present by rollcall: Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y, McClain; Y; Humphrey; Y; Guiette; Y Guests present: Terry Acton, Jack Kleinhardt, Tom Kunse, Jeff Smith

ACCEPT or AMEND AGENDA: Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to accept 8/15/23 agenda with Amended agenda: Special meeting to discuss and voting on resealing the Hatton Township Hall, parking lot-Farrell will contact board members once he has received a quote from blacktopping company. A Special Public Meeting will be scheduled shortly thereafter. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to approve the 7/18/23 Regular Board Meeting which were provided to the board in advance and made available to the public; motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

- Revenue for month of July-\$3,750.70
- Expenditures for month of July-\$13,896.31
- General Fund Balance-\$131,000.47

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

-1 CD at Mercantile Bank (\$40,000) is currently at 0.74%. Proposed rollover to a 4.91% for 12 months. Motion by Farrell, supported by Humphrey to rollover the CD at Mercantile Bank at the 4.91% interest for 12 months. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jeff Smith commented that he did a cremation burial at the cemetery.

Smith reported that he had 90% of the cemetery cleaned up after his recent health issues.

Blight Officer, Terry Acton stated that Diana Stone's son Charles was in the process of cleaning up the property on Timberlane.

A ticket will be issued again to John and Allison Willis 3482 Timberlane as the property is getting untitled cars and other unsightly debris on it.

The property owner, 2730 S. Clare Ave, lives in Hawaii. He was sent notification of Blight complaint and will have 30 days to clean up property or be fined.

Acton presented estimates from Property Cleanout Michigan LLC on what it would cost township to clean up 2730 S Clare Ave and 3482 Timberlane if the property owners do not clean up property themselves in the required timeline.

REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:

- Clare County Commissioner, Jack Kleinhardt reported that County Administrator, Lori Phelps stated the budget is in good shape.
- Kleinhardt reported that the Harrison Airport had very few planes that land or fly out of the airport. County Commissioners are paying to have runway crack reseal by Clare County Road Commission.
- Senator, Tom Kunse said that he is going around introducing himself to as many of the 48 townships that he represents in Lake, Osceola and Clare Counties.
- Senator Kunse, commented that it is very hard to get bills or ideas changed or passed with the Democrats having majority. Many bills are asked to be voted on before Senators have a chance to read through them.

REPORTS: TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Zoning Meeting Special Zoning Meeting

No zoning permits issued.

The proposed date for the next Planning and Zoning meeting could be September 28 at 6:30 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent/Delivered: July bills paid.

Received: Sherriff's report; Fire report; received reimbursement check from Clare Public Schools for Special Election 5/3/23

TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:

McClain-County Clerk's meeting July 26

McClain-Election Inspector Certification training-July 31

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

None

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

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

OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:

What can be done with Fire Fund interest from 22-23 budget? Bill H to contact MTA

NEW BUSINESS

Due to an absence by Board Member Guiette in July, township board members signed the 2023-24 budget.

Renewal of the AT&T Right-of-Way Contract-Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to renew the AT&T Right-of-Way Contract-Motion Carried.

23-24 Duggan Propane Contract: Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to approve the 23-24 Duggan Propane Contract as Keep Full as previous years; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to adjourn meeting at 9:14 pm; Motion carried.

Prepared: 8/15/2023-Not Yet Approved