

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**09/19/2023 – 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: Jack Kleinhardt, Jeff Smith, Dave Bondie, Dewayne Rodgers

ACCEPT or AMEND AGENDA: Motion by Farrell supported by Guiette to accept agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to approve the 8/15/23 Regular Board Meeting which was provided to the board in advance and made available to the public; motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

-Revenue for month of August-17,933.17

-Expenditures for month of August-\$8,214.85

-General Fund Balance-\$140,721.79

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

-No CDs for renewal.

-The Township has approximately \$560,822.97 in CDs reserved at various banks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

-Jeff Smith had nothing new to report.

-Dewayne Rodgers from the CCRC stated that the Monroe Road from Bass Lake Road to Railroad Grade project is complete.

-Dewayne and Dave Bondie presented to the board, if the township would be interested in paying ½ of upgrading Monroe Rd, North of Mid-Michigan College, 1 mile from Clare Avenue to the dead end. Total cost of project would be \$111,121.20 with Hatton Township and Clare County Road Commission each paying ½ of the cost. Trees are already being taken down by the CCRC on Monroe Road. CCRC could have all of the work completed by Summer 2024. Township cost will be \$55,560.

Motion by Farrell; seconded by McClain to approve the Monroe Road project. Roll call vote: Hileman; Y, Guiette; Y, Farrell; Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y. Motion carried.

REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:

- Clare County Commissioner, Jack Kleinhardt reported that he anticipated that the County Board of Commissioners will more than likely approve next year's budget at their 9/20/23 meeting.

-Kleinhardt reported that everyone's property tax has increased 5% this year and the forecast is for them to raise another 5% in 2024.

-Kleinhardt has heard that EGLE is trying to take over Michigan gravel pits.

REPORTS: TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Zoning Meeting Special Zoning Meeting

-2 zoning permits were issued in August and September.

-1 sign installation permit was issued.

-The Planning and Zoning Commission will be meeting on September 28 at 6:30 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent/Delivered: Checks for August bills; Municipal Fire Protection Questionnaire; 50 absentee ballot applications mailed for the November 7 election.

Received: Sherriff's report; Fire report; money from state for Security Reimbursement for 2022; a copy of the signed AT&T Right-of-Way contract; Charter Spectrum notification of channel changes and new channels available.

TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:

-McClain-County Clerk's meeting August 24
-Hileman-MTA meeting September 5

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

-101-101-918 Township Board Municipal Insurance Package: Budgeted \$5,400 (current balance -\$1,490.00) Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to do the budget adjustment as stated about; motion carried.

-101-901-972 Capital Outlay Well/Septic/Landscaping and other improvements Budgeted: \$1,500 (current balance -\$2,680.00) Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to do the budget adjustment as stated about; motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

-Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to pay the September bills totaling - \$37,337.31 motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:

-What can be done with Fire Fund interest from 22-23 budget? Clerk McClain contacted (Michigan Township Association) MTA stated that the interest must remain with the fire fund since that is what the funds are designated for.

-Blight updates: Hileman shared the following on behalf of Terry Acton:

- Land on South Clare Avenue was cleaned by the owner and is now up for sale.
- The property owner on Timberlane will be going to court the next week and one of the property owners has a bench warrant out for their arrest.

NEW BUSINESS

-Clerk McClain asked if she could be compensated for cleaning the hall since that is not part of her assigned duties. Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to pay McClain \$15 per hour for cleaning the hall on a quarterly basis. Motion carried.

-Gravesites next to Diane Latunski's parents have put stones over her parents' gravesite-Jeff Smith said that he did that temporarily to move a larger headstone over that was next to Latunski's parents. He has removed the stones back off the gravesite. Hileman will contact Latunski's to let them know.

-Possibly adopting Hazardous Material Spill Cost Recovery Ordinance that Hileman learned about at the September 5 MTA Meeting-Township will table this until October meeting when County Emergency Management Director, Jerry Becker can attend the meeting and explain it better.

-Clerk McClain will need the ballot box installed again outside of township hall as she will be mailing out Absentee Ballots for the November 7, 2023, Special School Election within the next week.

-Public accuracy test for November 7, 2023, Special School Board Election will be held at 6:30 pm on October 17, prior to the Regular October Board meeting.

Next Meeting:

Jerry Becker to attend to discuss the Hazardous Spill Ordinance

Jerry Becker will be speaking about possibly making Hatton Township an Emergency Shelter since we have a generator.

Snowplow and salt contract for 2023-24

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Farrell supported by Guiette to adjourn meeting at 9:16 pm; Motion carried.

Prepared: 9/19/2023 ~~Not Yet Approved~~

Approved: 10/17/2023, Clerk, Linda McClain