

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date 4/5/18

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALEGANCE 6:30PM Guest Count 6 Resident Count 14

Present: Conway, Duby, Iutzi, LaBoda, Wright

Conway moved to approve the agenda, supported by LaBoda, all in favor. **MC**

Treasurer's report read by Duby, motion to approve by LaBoda, 2nd by Iutzi **MC**

Reading of March minutes by LaBoda, motion to approve by Conway 2nd by Duby **MC**

Invoices read by LaBoda motion to approve and pay bills by Duby, 2nd by Iutzi **MC**

Guest: Nick Loomis, Harrison District Library shared the Library's Usage Report showing that Hamilton Township residents use the Library regularly. Nick also shared information about an Author Luncheon with Sarah Shoemaker coming up on April 12th at 12:00 noon. Sign up is required by calling the Circulation Desk. There will also be a Kick-off for Funds event on June 9th. Funds are being raised to help the project of moving the Library to the old Surrey House.

Gary Hicks from Republic thanked the township for our business, support and understanding of late pickups due to icy road conditions. Hamilton is the first township in the county to have road side pick-up for recycling. Gary also took time to answer any questions. The Township does an excellent job recycling with over 65%, while the national average is 30%.

Stephanie from the DNR Americorps talked about the Adopt a Forest Program and the need for volunteers to clean up a dump site off Mostetler Road. A sign-up sheet was circulated and a date will be determined.

Lori Martin, Clare County Clerk spoke of any changes in their office and talked about the upcoming elections in August and November. Lori will be working with local high schools and MMCC to encourage students to register to vote and/or become Election Inspectors.

Sandy Bristol, County Commissioner gave updates on county business including; the board passed a resolution to finish the gap in the Pere-Marquette Rail Trail. There is a fundraiser "Gateway Affair" being held at Jay's on April 7th from 5-8pm to help with that project. MMCC will be changing their name to Mid Michigan College as they now have a 4 year nursing program. Clare County Conservation will be spraying for Gypsy Moths in some areas. Sandy will be attending a training on Senior Abuse.

Public Comments: None

Denise Goodenow, Planning Commission Chair stated they met on March 13th. Next meeting will be April 10th where they will be discussing cemetery ordinances and Stacy Stocking will be attending to discuss green cemeteries. The Park Plan is done and the DNR grant is moving forward. Another fundraiser will be planned for Labor Day Weekend.

Mark Janeczko, Zoning & Blight Enforcement has issued 4 permits and 2 land combines and received several request for fence permits. He ordered 100 trees for the park and made arrangements to pick up any leftover trees from the annual tree sale. Mark also met with Stephanie from the DNR regarding Adopt a Forrest.

Mark works hard on blight cases and has helped make many improvements.

New Business: Conway moved to adopt a resolution for Asset Guidelines Used in the Determination of Poverty Exemptions for 2018, second by LaBoda, roll call vote, all in favor. **MC**
Amy Wright, Zoning Board of Appeals stated the board has attended an excellent training and would like to have an additional meeting. Board of Trustees agreed to allow the meeting.

Old Business: Conway moved to approve the contract from the road commission to continue work on Athey, supported by DUBY, all in favor **MC**
The project will be a matching program with a cost of \$33,500. The township will contribute \$16,750. Cemetery markers and spikes have been purchased and we are still waiting for a quote from State Wide to complete the cemetery. The Siren sounded on schedule

Conway moved to adjourn at 8:27pm supported by Iutzi, all in favor. **MC**