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HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May, 5, 2022 **Time:** 6:30 P.M. **Location:** Hamilton Township Hall, 3042 N Rodgers, Harrison, MI 48625

Board Members Present: Mike Conway, Mike Iutzi, Dave Wright, Valdine Erskine; **Absent:** Duby **Guests:** 4 **Residents:** 7

CALLED TO ORDER: by Wright at 6:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Conway; supported by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Read by Erskine, in Duby's absence. Motion to approve by Iutzi, 2nd by Conway; all in favor. **MC**

CLERK'S REPORT: Minutes of April 7th meeting read by Erskine. Motion to approve by Iutzi; supported by Conway; all in favor. **MC**

Invoices over \$100 read by Erskine; motion to approve and pay bills including incoming bills by Iutzi; 2nd by Wright; all in favor. **MC**

GUEST: CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 6TH DISTRICT, Shawn Anderson briefly explained his world view, that he was a lifelong resident, returning from 6+ years of military service, ZBA Member, and fiscal conservative, running as a Republican.

CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 5TH DISTRICT, Robert VanDenbrook gave a brief overview of his experience as a retired businessman, in construction and demolition. Mr. VanDenbrook gave specific examples of items that need to be addressed and what his approach would be. He is a long term resident, fiscal conservative, running as a Republican.

CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 5TH DISTRICT, David Hoefling spoke about his past experience as a County Commissioner and the outcomes of key issues he worked on, while in office. Mr. Hoefling highlighted his educational qualifications for the position. He, too, is a long term resident, fiscal conservative, running as a Republican.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, Sandy Bristol gave a report of activity in the County, including side-by-side racing at the airport, in May. She also reported the appointment of Lori Phelps to the position of County Administrator. When asked by Conway and residents, why the position was not posted for outside applications, Bristol was unable to answer and stated she would report the concern to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Chair, Kelly Bennett reported on the meeting of May 4. The Commission is researching Tiny Houses, reviewing state limitations and what other townships/counties are using as ordinances.

ZONING ADMIN REPORT: Melissa Townsend absent but submitted a report of permits and activity for April. She is busy!

ZONING & BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT: Blight Administrator, Keith Rolph stated that all blight complaints have been contacted. New complaints from last month included chicken noise, and possible abandoned cars.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor, Tina Wright received a request for a Property Split, from property owner Jeff Carie. Assessor Wright provided copies of Land Division Act Basics for Landowners and a copy of MCL 560.109 to educate the Board, prior to making a decision. Since the property owner did not make a formal request, the Board did not vote, however all agreed the request was outside of the law.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Erskine presented Resolution 2022-5-5-1 to replace Resolution 2022-3-10-1. Verbiage in the original resolution did not match verbiage in the millage proposal, written by Attorney Hovey. Iutzi made a motion to accept the new Resolution; Wright supported. A random roll call vote resulted in 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, Duby absent. **Resolution passed.**

Two sealed mowing proposals were received. Wright opened and the Board reviewed the proposals. Since the bids were so different, a phone call will be made to verify the two proposals are being fairly compared.

In Duby's absence, Erskine read an item from the Treasurer that required the Board's vote. Two parcels numbers were retired on 02/17/2021 and need to come off the tax roll, rubbish needs to come off both, and rubbish of \$159.57 needs to be moved to the new parcel number, created to replace the retired numbers. Parcel 008-020-100-35 and 008-020-100-36 should be retired and combined to new parcel #008-020-100-37. Wright made a motion to approve the retired/combination. Erskine supported; all in favor. **MC**

Erskine asked for approval to investigate and pay to print voter information cards. The first proposal from KCI was in excess of \$1200. Since bills had been discussed earlier and a vote taken, the voter cards will fall under that vote.

Erskine distributed copies of the Equalization Services contract that must be returned by June 1. After discussion with Assessor Wright, it was determined that option 2, a fee of \$0.45 per parcel, \$1132.65 was best for the township. Erskine made a motion, 2nd by Iutzi to pay for option #2; all in favor. **MC**

Results of the ARPA Workshop were discussed. Deputy Clerk Erskine-Wright distributed copies of possible needs to consider on each project. Supervisor Wright will lead the committee for the Old Township Hall, Iutzi will lead the Mennonite Church project and Erskine will lead the park project. It was agreed the siren and the old township hall take precedence, the bathrooms in the garage should be considered, and that each project would need a minimum of 3 bids for consideration.

REMINDERS: Siren is still out but expected to be fixed this week.

ADJOURN: Conway made a motion to adjourn at 8:53 PM, supported by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC**