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HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 2, 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, Mickie Duby, Valdine Erskine **Guests:** 1 **Residents:** 27

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 Duby. Motion to approve by Iutzi, 2nd by Erskine; all in favor. **MC**

CLERK'S REPORT: Minutes of May 5 meeting read by Erskine. Motion to approve by Conway; supported by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC**
Invoices over \$100 read by Erskine; motion to approve and pay bills including incoming bills by Iutzi; 2nd by Duby; all in favor. **MC**

GUEST:

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, Sandy Bristol on the Agenda but not in attendance

CLARE COUNTY CLERK, Lori Mott reported that 5000 Jury Questionnaires for 2023 prepared for mailing. She announced a Press Release from Bureau of Elections to be released 6/3/22. BOE notified by Homeland Security, concerning vulnerability in the Voter Assistance Terminal (ICX), if someone has access to it. Make sure the terminal is locked and sealed. Vulnerability found during testing. Michigan uses an ICX made by the same company (Dominion) but not the same model. Mott fielded questions concerning ballots and voting. Clerk's office has openings, due to movement between departments, for better pay.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Several residents on Springwood Lake Road concerned about road conditions and brining. Wright explained brining is not scheduled due to budget issues and reminded residents about millage proposal to maintain roads. Hamilton Township is the only township without a road millage.

Residents on private roads also complained. Duby explained the process for Private Roads and encouraged those who were unhappy to attend a meeting scheduled at the Town Hall on July 9, for the Private Road Committee.

Karl Hauser announced his candidacy for Mid Michigan College Board of Trustees. Hauser took questions concerning the college.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor, **Tina Wright** reported approximately 400 letters to be mailed next week, to comply with 20% annual on-site property inspection. Inspection is outside only. All structures are measured and count toward value. Expect 5% increase in taxable value, next year. Wright took questions from residents, concerning what effects property value.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Chair, **Kelly Bennett** stated the Commission is continuing research for Tiny Houses, reviewing state regulations and what other townships/counties are doing. Next meeting is July 6, at 6:30 p.m.

ZONING ADMIN REPORT: **Melissa Townsend** absent but submitted a report of permits and activity for May, reporting increased activity.

ZONING & BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT: **Blight Administrator, Keith Rolph** reported 32 calls for the month; only 2 were actual blight. The Township does not have a grass cutting ordinance. Blight offenders are working on their properties. When calling, leave the caller's name, phone number, description of complaint, and complete address of offending property. PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL. Noise at night should be reported to non-emergency 911.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dates set for Budget Workshops – Thursday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m. to balance current fiscal year's budget. Thursday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m. will meet to consider budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. If an additional meeting is necessary, we will meet Thursday, June 23

Bids from Tommie Bauer Excavating, Bob Bates Excavating, and Arden Shell Excavating, for demolition of old township hall property were received. A pre-demo asbestos survey was done on Wednesday, June 1; pending results. All bids were written without regard to asbestos. If asbestos is present, new bids for abatement will be required. Arden Shell was low bid, at \$13,040. Discussion was tabled, pending results of asbestos survey.

Neighbor to the west of old township hall made an offer to purchase 40 feet of the property. Further discussion will take place after the demolition and restructure.

REMINDERS: Cable to repair the siren is still unavailable

ADJOURN: Conway made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m., supported by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC**