

# HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

## Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, July 7, 2022 **Time:** 6:30 P.M. **Location:** Hamilton Township Hall, 3042 N Rodgers, Harrison, MI 48625

**Board Members Present:** Mike Conway, Dave Wright, Mickie Doby, Valdine Erskine **Absent:** Mike Iutzi **Guests:** 2 **Residents:** 20

**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 Wright; all in favor. **MC**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Read by Doby. Motion to approve by Conway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erskine; all in favor. **MC**

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Minutes of June 2 meeting read by Erskine. Wright corrected the statement "Hamilton Township is the only township without a road millage." Garfield does not have a road millage. Motion to approve corrected minutes by Conway; supported by Doby; all in favor. **MC** Invoices over \$100 read by Erskine; motion to approve and pay bills including incoming bills by Doby; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Conway; all in favor. **MC**

### GUEST:

**CLARE COUNTY TRANSIT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Tom Pirnstill** gave a synopsis of the 40 years the Transit has been in operation. Clare County contracts with the Transit. Funds come from millage, state, and federal funding. Millage on Primary Ballot is .05 mills as a renewal. Ridership was affected by Covid and is slow to rebound. Free transportation to the polls. Employment opportunities available and offer a \$1000 signing bonus and training to obtain necessary driver's license.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER, Sandy Bristol** reported the local MTA has been re-established, Al's Aerial Spraying was hired for Spongy Moth spraying at last year's rate, Side-by-side racing at the airport was a great success and will be repeated in August, airport bracket racing was canceled, the Airport Board received \$100k in Covid monies, a Headlee override proposal may be on the November ballot, the Sheriff's department was approved for 5 new vehicles, the Treasurer's sale of forfeited properties will be online in August.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Several residents complained about 4 wheelers, golf carts, and dirt bikes speeding back and forth on roads and poor response by the police department. Commissioner, Bristol mentioned the Sheriff's Department monitoring hot spots. Supervisor, Wright will reach out to the Under Sheriff to arrange for him to attend a future Board Meeting.

**Tom Pirnstill** circulated information on the Orphan Grain Train, a non-profit Christian volunteer network. Living Hope Lutheran Church, in Farwell is packing a semi-trailer of needed items for Ukraine and other supporting countries.

A resident asked if funds could be used from the Lakes account to construct a dock. Doby explained funds were used for lake level, weed control, etc. She stated that residents should contact Carl Parks. He sets a meeting, usually in the fall. Mike Pomerville fielded questions about the lakes. Names and contact info to be added to the website, for each lake's representative.

**Ron Shell** filed a formal complaint concerning blight Hoover residence. Conway explained the Blight Complaint Process, including the process through the court system. Wright reviewed times this residence has been through the process, fines, court, and jail time.

**David Hoefling** gave dates for the Harrison Street Fair and Garden Tour. Garden Tour is August 25; Street Fair to be August 26- 27.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Assessor, Tina Wright - absent

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chair, Kelly Bennett -absent

**ZONING ADMIN REPORT:** Melissa Townsend reported some permits have been pulled due to supply chain and inflation. Pole buildings on the increase. One outstanding violation for livestock in a lean-to attached to a house. Two Short-Term Rentals going well; a couple more to be reviewed. If a resident is in need of a survey, some surveyors are backed-up to September.

**ZONING & BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT:** Blight Administrator, Keith Rolph is on vacation. He left a report showing 5 new complaints and 4 he cannot move forward with because complaint forms were not filed. In his absence, please complete a complaint form.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Meeting of Election Commission** is Tuesday, July 12 at 9 a.m., to appoint, Election Inspectors, determine pay for Inspectors, and run the Preliminary Ballot Test.

**Garbage and Recycling cost increase** - The Township fell behind \$14k, due to increased charges by Republic, not passed on to residents. Current rate charged to residents is approx. \$13.30 per month. Township pays about \$15.87 per month, per property.

After discussing the value of rubbish, recycling, and yard waste; Duby made a motion to increase the rate charged to residents, to what is being paid by the Township. Conway supported; all in favor. **MC**

**Cemetery Costs were reviewed**, comparing Hamilton Township charges for burial rights/lot and grave opening, to other townships. Discussed costs to the Township to maintain cemeteries. Erskine read a Resolution to increase burial right to \$200 for township residents; \$300 to non-residents, traditional grave opening to \$500, of which \$400 is paid to sextant, and \$150 for cremains. Wright offered the resolution; supported by Duby; random roll call vote 4 "ayes", 1 absent. Resolution adopted.

**Gladwin Schools auctioning playground equipment** via silent auction. Erskine requested authorization to bid and asked for amounts, reviewing pictures on auction website. Discussion; Duby offering a motion for up to \$20k of COVID grant, with stipulation concerning approval by insurance company; supported by Conway. Wright to follow-up with insurance company concerning liability prior to bid.

**REMINDERS:**

**Board of Review on July 19 @ 6:00 p.m.** is for corrections

**Siren:** Repair is scheduled 7/15, if cable comes in.

**Yard waste dates:** 10-11,10-25, 11-8, 11-22; possible scrap tire in September

**Old Township hall Demo:** waiting on estimate to remove asbestos.

**ADJOURN: Conway** made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m., supported by Wright; all in favor. **MC**