

Hamilton Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 3, 2022 Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Hamilton Township Hall, 3042 N Rodgers, Harrison, MI 48625

Board Members Present: Mike Conway, Mickie Duby, Mike Iutzi, Dave Wright, Valdine Erskine Guests: 2 Residents: 10
Twp. Board Members/Employees: 4

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**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barry Gee complained about blight on Swallow Drive. Blight officer stated this complaint was in the works; trying to locate landowner.

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

CLERK'S REPORT: October minutes read by Erskine. Duby moved to approve minutes, supported by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC** Invoices over \$100 read by Erskine and noted an upcoming insurance invoice over \$5000; motion to approve and pay bills including incoming bills by Duby, supported by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC**

GUESTS:

Attorneys Jaynie Smith Hoerauf and Heather Nevill discussed their experience and the costs to represent Hamilton Township. They will need a complete copy of our ordinances. No retainer; \$200 per hour, in quarter hour increments. Conway moved to hire Hoerauf and Nevill as Township attorneys, supported by Iutzi; all in favor **MC**

Commissioner, Sandy Bristol reported her activity including funds approved to be expended by the County, more weather radios coming from Jerry Becker, Clare Co is the 2nd highest in child abuse, and the homeless community is growing in the county.

Assessor's Report: Assessor, Tina Wright is absent

Planning Commission Report: Chair, Kelly Bennett discussed the PC meeting of 11/2. A guest from Animal Control gave insight on how to handle the dog problem. Dogs at large will be picked up; barking dog is a \$150 ticket, barking more than 15 minutes. Call Animal Control for dog problems. Also discussed the need to revisit the Master Plan in 2023 and sought approval to schedule workshops and meetings after the New Year. PC recommends keeping minimum footprint for homes at 720 square feet.

Zoning Admin Report: Melissa Townsend reported permits have slowed, chicken complaints were discussed, scrap tire grant applied for.

Blight enforcement report: Blight officer, Keith Rolph reported 4 new complaints for the month, all from the same person. There were also 2 reports of illegal dumping. Travel trailers do not automatically constitute blight.

OLD BUSINESS: Playground/Park - Board discussed making changes to the bid and changing the requested metal roof on a pavilion to a shingled roof, due to insurance concerns over sliding snow. Since only one bid was submitted for the park development, the bid request will be re-evaluated. Erskine will call the company that submitted the bid to explain.

Ground penetrating sonagram for cemetery – Erskine and Wright met Greta Nylund of Trimedia Environmental & Engineering at the MTA Regional. They provide sonagram for cemetery mapping. Mike Tobin of Lincoln Township also hired a company to map their cemetery. The Board agreed to further investigation for Cedar Crest Cemetery

NEW BUSINESS: Erskine attended the DNR Sparks Grant Zoom meeting, a non-matching grant to develop outdoor spaces.

Application is due before 12/19. Resolution 2022-11-3-1 was offered by Wright and supported by Duby to seek a grant up to the \$1,000,000 limit to develop a park/playground on the grounds of the Township. Random rollcall vote resulted in 4 yes and 1 no.

Resolution passed. Erskine will apply for the grant.

2023 Board Meeting dates were discussed. Erskine moved to adopt the dates for each month, consistent with the first Thursday of the month, supported by Iutzi; all in favor **MC**

Garbage bid workshop will be held on November 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Dates: Board of Review is December 13 at 6 p.m. for corrections. Yard waste dates: 11/8 and 11/22

ADJOURNED: Conway made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m., supported by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC**