

Hamilton Township Board Meeting Minutes

Unofficial until
March 2, 2023

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2023 Time: 6:30 PM

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

Board Members Present: Mike Iutzi, Dave Wright, Mickie Duby, Valdine Erskine Guests: 9 Residents: 7 Staff: 2

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

CLERK'S REPORT: January minutes read by Erskine. Iutzi moved to approve minutes, supported by Wright; all in favor. **MC** Invoices over \$100 read by Erskine. Motion to approve and pay bills including incoming bills by Duby, supported by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC**

GUESTS:

Waste Management Public Sector Rep, Jill Reynolds and District Manager, Jason Murphy reviewed rubbish and recycling services available to the township, in response to a bid request. They offer services to match our current usage and gave a proposal to Board Members. A resident asked if Canadian trash was processed through WM and they do not process Canadian waste.

Republic Services Pinconning Operations Manager, Dawn Chaperon reviewed services for their bid to retain the contract with Hamilton Township. She made note of service improvements and equipment up-grades, since moving to Wednesday pick-up and getting through pandemic hiccups. Our current contract expires 3/30/2023. The Board will make a decision in the March meeting.

County Commissioner, David Hoefling reviewed activity for the month, discussed BOC appointments for each commissioner, changes in the compensation schedule, and a proposal by County Clerk Mott to hire a clerk to handle election consolidation.

Road Commissioner, Bill Simpson brought closure to a discussion from the January meeting, concerning names and spellings for some roads in the county. Corrections will be made to road signs over time, as they are replaced.

Keith Rolph discussed Situational Awareness. He noted simple methods a person can use to protect themselves. We discussed offering a free workshop for residents. Keith will put together a flier. The Township will notify residents when a workshop is available.

Blight enforcement report: Blight officer, Keith Rolph reported no blight complaints last month; one new for the current month.

Planning Commission Report: Secretary Linda Barkell reported on the Master Plan review. The upcoming meeting of 2/15 at 6 p.m. will be a review of section 4 and 5.

Zoning Admin Report: Melissa Townsend submitted a written report, showing 2 permits. She requested that we publish a fee schedule for all Township services.

OLD BUSINESS: Results of Budget Workshop – The Board met on January 19 to review the budget. Funds were moved from “Unearned Income” (ARPA grant) to “Other Federal Grants” in the amount of \$14,475 to balance the expenses of \$1,975 for the asbestos survey and \$10,000 in asbestos removal from the old Townhall. \$2500 was the cost of used playground equipment. The Contingency fund of \$12,173.25 was depleted and earnings from zoning permits, cable royalties and interest made up the shortfall on the Fire Contract of \$15,108.37.

Letter concerning Special Assessment district from Township Attorney Hoerauf was reviewed. It clarified the requirements to renew/establish a Special Assessment District for private roads, including the needed Resolutions and Public Hearings.

County Clerk Lori Mott is working with the Board of Commissioners to establish a plan concerning the passage of Proposal 22-2 and the costs associated with 9 days of early voting. She is looking into a consolidation plan to reduce the hardship on Townships.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution 2023-2 was passed to establish the beginning date for the Board of Review, as Tuesday, March 14, by a vote of: 4 ‘ayes’ 0 ‘nays’ 1 absent.

Potential cell phone tower on Township property – Erskine and Wright met with a representative from SAC Wireless concerning the construction of a cell phone tower on the north end of the property. Verizon is looking to occupy a tower in the township. They would be the first tenants on the tower. A monthly fee would be paid to the township. Further discussion is expected. No offers have been made or accepted.

Upcoming Dates: Board of Review Organizational -Tuesday March 7 at 5:30 PM; Review -Tuesday, March 14, 3 PM- 9 PM and Thursday, March 16, 9 AM – 3 PM; Corrections - Wednesday, July 19, 9 AM and Thursday, December 14, at 5 PM.

ADJOURNED: Iutzi made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 PM, supported by Erskine; all in favor. **MC**