

Hamilton Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023 Time: 6:30 PM

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

Board Members Present: Mike Conway, Dave Wright, Mickie Duby, Valdine Erskine Guests: 3 Residents: 9 Staff: 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 Duby; all in favor. **MC**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Duby reviewed Township accounts. Conway moved to approve, supported by Erskine; all in favor **MC**

CLERK'S REPORT: April 6 meeting minutes read by Erskine. Conway moved to approve minutes, Duby supported; all in favor. **MC**
Invoices over \$100 read by Erskine. Motion to approve and pay bills including incoming bills by Duby, 2nd by Wright; all in favor. **MC**
GUESTS:

County Commissioner, David Hoefling reviewed activity for the month, including passage of the proposal by Lori Phelps to pay the cost of 9 days of early voting for 2024, commissioners reconsidered DHHS contract; vote failed, costing the County \$80k in funding, Jerry Becker, Emergency Manager will be asking townships to consider a hazardous material ordinance, attended an MIDC Public Defender presentation, the County will spend \$528k for Gypsy/Spongy Moth spraying, and ARPA funds will be used to update HVAC in the County building.

Planning Commission Chair, Kelly Bennett presented the site plan for H&H Propane, on the property of the old Kitty's Kitchen/restaurant. Purchaser plans to demo the old building due to mold/decay and unsafe wiring. Conway moved to approve site plan and change use from restaurant to propane sales facility, supported by Erskine; all in favor. **MC** Concerning the PC Workshops, the dog ordinance was discussed. Just the Master Plan remains in their review. No major updates are expected.

Zoning Administrator, Melissa Townsend reviewed activity for April. Activity matches 2021 so far. One ZBA request in process.

Blight Enforcement Officer, Keith Rolph reported no new complaints. A complaint form must be completed to lodge a complaint. Target practice/shooting on one's own property is not regulated as long as they are using fire arms safely. Rolph submitted a plan for review, to help deal with nuisance animal complaints, "Unsecured Domestic Pets". The plan included a complaint form to be submitted with picture/video. Discussion around the need for pictures as opposed to a sworn statement led to tabling the item until the June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Private Roads Resolution – Current Special Assessment district has expired. Erskine offered Resolution 2023-3, prepared by legal counsel to maintain private roads. Roll call vote resulted in 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 absent. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Saturday, May 27 at 9:00 AM, by Public Notice in the Clare County Cleaver, for 2 weeks and a copy of the Public Notice mailed to each property owner/party in interest.

Approve expense for Treasurer's error – An error while logging taxes resulted in interest penalty to property owners. Treasurer reported the interest was approximately \$132. Erskine moved to pay from township funds, Wright supported; all in favor **MC**

LED upgrade of Township Hall – Consumers Energy replaced several fluorescent tube lights in the Township Hall, at no expense. The ballasts were not removed. Triple J Solutions LLC provided an estimate to finish the job and add motion sensors on light switches. The owner of Triple J changed the township bulbs, as a Consumers employee. ARPA funds would be used. Duby made a motion to approve the expense, supported by Erskine; all in favor. **MC**

Vote on Equalization Contract –The annual Equalization Contract is up for renewal, with 3 options. Conway moved to accept Option 2, at \$500, as Assessor has ability to manage more expensive options on her own, support from Erskine; all in favor. **MC**

Upgrade of Rodgers Road/Townline Lake corner- The roadway south of the corner is not Class A, thus commercial loads to Dodge City businesses must be reduced in the spring. County Road Commission offered an upgrade at the cost of \$6k, to bring the area to Class A. Conway moved to accept the cost and pay from ARPA funds, support from Wright; all in favor. **MC**

Tower site leasing – Legal from Skyway Tower and the township attorney have been working to agree on the contact language. The final draft has been submitted to the township attorney. Conway moved to accept the contract with Skyway Tower, subject to township attorney's approval, support from Erskine; all in favor. **MC**

Reminders:

Harrison Events and Mid-Michigan Community Action Events have been added to the Calendar tab, on the Township's website.

NOAA weather radios are still available.

ADJOURNED: Conway made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m., supported by Erskine; all in favor. **MC**