

Hamilton Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 2, 2023 Time: 6:30 PM Location: Hamilton Township Hall, 3042 N Rodgers, Harrison, MI 48625

Board Members Present: Mike Conway, Mike Iutzi, Dave Wright, Valdine Erskine

Guests: 1 Residents: 8 Staff: 4

CALLED TO ORDER: by Wright at 6:28 P.M, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jane Bulmer asked about the progress in the blight case on Cathey Street. Wright informed the case is in court.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Duby was absent, due to a fall and no report had been submitted.

CLERK'S REPORT: October meeting minutes read by Erskine. Iutzi moved to approve minutes, supported by Conway; all in favor. **MC**

Invoices over \$100 read by Erskine. Iutzi moved to approve and pay bills including incoming bills, support by Conway; all in favor. **MC**

GUESTS: County Commissioner, David Hoefling reported the next Board of Commissioners meeting was moved to 11/8, one week early due to opening day of deer season. Discussions during the Committee of the Whole workshop will be taken up during the 11/8 meeting, including Public Defender's office seeking a grant and vehicle needs for the sheriff's department and animal control.

Assessor, Tina Wright - absent

Planning Commission Chair, Kelly Bennett reported on the latest PC meeting. Individuals who own the 40-acre 'mafia house' on Mostetler presented a plan to use the property, seasonally, for a Halloween haunted forest. The PC is waiting on a site plan. Discussion also focused on solar/wind farms before the legislature and the possible loss of local zoning control. The cemetery ordinance will be worked on during the next meeting, December 6.

Zoning Administrator, Melissa Townsend reported 3 violations, a land split on M61, and a ZBA request concerning a fence, with Public Hearing scheduled for November 17.

Blight Enforcement Officer, Keith Rolph reported 2 closed complaints, 2 new complaints, and 4 complaints that are not blight. One on Cathey Street is still in court. Iutzi asked about using Waste Management for someone willing to clean up a blight property on Stockwell, between Athey and Rodgers. Rolph directed Iutzi to give his contact information and he will work to arrange something with Waste Management.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: An out of area group sent a letter, offering to purchase 7.7 acres of the property the Township Hall sits on.

Erskine moved to reject the offer, supported by Conway; all in favor. **MC**

Erskine asked the Board to consider ways to make the garage space work for winter pickle ball. Ideas were discussed concerning door locks and a place to move tables and chairs for hall rental; more to come.

Erskine requested a budget amendment to move funds from Unearned Income to Other Federal Grants to cover the cost of the pavilion and other ARPA expenses for the month. Erskine will bring the information to the Board, for each necessary adjustment in ARPA funds.

Erskine shared information on the Sparks Grant and discussed the upcoming Equity Based Community Engagement required by the grant.

Board of Review is coming up. We need to fill a vacancy on the BOR. Please see Erskine for an appointment application, if interested in serving.

Reminder: Yard Waste dates are November 7th and 21st.

ADJOURNED: Conway made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., supported by Erskine; all in favor. **MC**