

Hamilton Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, July 5, 2024 Time: 6:30 PM Location: Hamilton Township Hall, 3042 N. Rodgers, Harrison, MI

Board Members Present: Mike Conway, Mike Iutzi, Dave Wright, Mickie Duby, Valdine Erskine Guests: 1 Residents: 7 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 to approve, seconded by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC**

PUBLIC COMMENT: A resident complained about blight and trespassing by the neighbor. Wright assured that the blight address was already in process. A trail cam and a police report were recommended to manage the trespasser. Another resident suggested gravel for Springwood Drive, with road millage funds. The Township will pay to finish paving 3 miles of Rodgers this year. The new Board will decide what projects to take on next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Read by Duby. Conway moved to approve, support from Iutzi; all in favor. **MC**

CLERK'S REPORT: June 6 minutes were submitted in advance. Duby moved to approve, Iutzi supported; all in favor. **MC** Invoices over \$100 read by Erskine. Iutzi moved to approve and pay bills including incoming bills, 2nd by Wright; all in favor. **MC**

GUESTS:

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Tom Evans is running for Prosecuting Attorney for Clare County, on the August Primary ballot. He reviewed his qualifications of 16 years as a prosecutor, an attorney for 28 years, and currently Chief Assistant Prosecutor for Clare County. He would institute 'vertical prosecution', responsible charges, and low-cost solutions to meet staffing needs, such as staggered lunch hours, retail fraud program and a bad check program. He took questions from residents.

Commissioner, David Hoefling submitted a written report, as he was not able to attend.

Message from Library Trustee, Nancy House – A question was asked during the June meeting about library passes for Dow Gardens. The library has them!

Planning Commission Secretary, Linda Barkell and Zoning Administrator, Melissa Townsend reviewed the June 19 PC meeting, concerning an application for a Special Event Venue for Mafia Haunted Trail. Questions from the Board to Barkell, Zoning Administrator Townsend, and the applicant were centered around language in the permit that would shift liability for the site, away from the Township, to the applicant and their liability insurance carrier. As the proposed venue is on an unpaved road and the Zoning Ordinance requires a paved road, Iutzi moved to approve the Special Use permit, subject to the ZBA's approval of a variance request, concerning the road. Conway supported the motion; all favor. **MC**

Zoning Administrator, Melissa Townsend reviewed activity for the month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing for the Fire Contract is Wednesday, July 24 at 6:30 pm. We have been receiving a lot of calls from people who don't understand the letter. It was written by the Township's Attorney.

Spark Grant – CMF/DNR expects the announce Grant winners on Monday, July 8

NEW BUSINESS:

Cemetery Mapping for Hoover Cemetery's Old Section – The Cedar Crest Cemetery has been mapped. As Dave is the only one with a working knowledge of the Hoover Cemetery, the Township needs better records and a map of the old cemetery. Conway moved to use ARPA funds to hire Trimedia for the GPR mapping project, support by Wright; all in favor. **MC**

Absent Voter Ballots have been mailed for the August Primary. Early in-person voting at the County is July 27 – August 4, from 8 am – 4 pm

Public Accuracy Test and appointment of Hamilton Township Election Inspectors is Tuesday, July 16, at 11 am

August State Primary Election is Tuesday, August 6 at Hamilton Township Hall; 7 am – 8 pm

Board of Review is July 16 at 5 pm

Flowing well testing – Usually Supervisor Wright has the water tested annually, at the Township's flowing well. He was notified by the Health Department that the Health Department will be testing the flowing well and the water at the Township Hall, as a matter of practice. The Township is no longer responsible for water testing.

Farmer's Market – A resident approached Erskine last fall about starting a Farmer's Market. The idea of a market was discussed by the Board but as no one came forward with an interest in acting as the Market Manager, the idea was tabled. Since it is now July, Erskine will pass the information for a Farmer's Market on to the next Board.

ADJOURNED: Conway made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., supported by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC**