

Hamilton Township Board Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2025 @ 6:30pm at Hamilton Township Hall, 3042 N. Rodgers, Harrison, MI

Board Members Present: Mike Conway, Mike Iutzi, Gerald Tom Vaughn, Denise Goodenow, Andrea Wallace
Guest Count: 1 Residents: 7 Staff: 3

CALLED TO ORDER: by Vaughn at 6:31pm, followed by an Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Goodenow talked about an ICS Fund that the Township has. This is called a sweep account. We can move money into the sweep account anytime; the interest rate is over 4 percent right now. Wallace will look to see how much money we need to keep in the accounts before we move forward.

CLERK'S REPORT: December meeting minutes submitted in advance. Iutzi moved to approve minutes, seconded by Conway; all in favor. **MC** Invoices over \$100 read by Wallace. Iutzi moved to approve and pay bills including incoming, seconded by Conway; all in favor. **MC**

GUESTS:

Commissioner, David Hoefling reported that the Commissioners have \$800,000.00 in surplus at the end of the fiscal year. They did a wage study and found that the Treasurer and Clerk's wages are below others in the area. They approved to increase their wages. They are going to look at the Prosecutor's wages next along with the request the Clerk asked for before the November election.

Planning Commission Chair, Kelly Bennett reported their next meeting is Wednesday, January 8th and they are going to look at the new solar ordinance (PA223 and PA234).

Zoning Administrator, Melissa Townsend reported not much is happening right now. She thanked the board for passing the special use permit fees.

Blight Enforcement Officer, Keith Rolph reported no new complaints. The one on Stockwell sold so that one should be cleaned up in the future. The one on Swallow may be condemned; waiting to see what happens with this one.

Assessor, Tina Wright was absent.

Parks, no one from the parks committee was present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Emergency Alert Awareness: In the next 30-60 days the Cleaver and the Review are going to put an article in both papers encouraging residents to sign up for an app that is free. The app will allow residents to receive emergency updates on their phone. Insurance wouldn't cover the siren because ProCom wouldn't guarantee that it was damaged in a storm. Wallace was going to look to see if there was ever a motion to remove the siren. Radios will be given to the Township in the future to hand out to residents who would like one.

Board of Review Training: Vaughn would like to attend the Board of Review training in Houghton Lake. Motion by Conway to send Vaughn to the Board of Review Training in Houghton Lake, seconded by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC**

Contract Pursuit/Sick Time/Insurance: As of February 21, 2025 all employers must provide sick time to their employees. Wallace contacted MTA about this and they are having a webinar via zoom on January 22nd at Noon to go over this in more detail. The webinar is \$25.00. Iutzi made a motion to have Wallace or Vaughn attend the webinar via zoom on January 22nd at Noon, seconded by Conway; all in favor. **MC**

PA223 and P234 Ordinance (Michigan Public Service Commission): There is a new solar ordinance out from the State. Hamilton Township either needs to do nothing, come up with their own ordinance, or join the Creo. The Planning Commission will look more into this and bring it back to the board.

PA223 and 234 Appeal: 86 other Townships have joined the appeal. It's easy to join and costs nothing. There is no liability to us. Motion by Iutzi to join the PA223 and PA234 Appeal, seconded by Conway; all in favor-unanimous.

MC

ADJOURNED: Iutzi made a motion to adjourn at 7:27pm, seconded by Conway; all in favor. **MC**