

Hamilton Township Board Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2026 @ 6:30pm at Hamilton Township Hall, 3042 N. Rodgers Ave., Harrison, MI

Board Members Present: Mike Conway, Mike Iutzi, Gerald Tom Vaughn, Andrea Wallace, Denise Goodenow

Guest Count: 1 Residents: 9

CALLED TO ORDER: by Vaughn at 6:30pm, followed by an Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.

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

APPROVAL OF MAY 7, 2026 MEETING MINUTES: Motion made by Goodenow to approve the May 7, 2026 minutes, seconded by Conway; all in favor. **MC**

APPROVAL OF MAY 26, 2026 SPECIAL BOARD BUDGET MEETING MINUTES: Motion made by Iutzi to approve the May 26, 2026 Special Board Budget Meeting minutes, seconded by Conway; all in favor. **MC**

GUESTS:

Commissioner, David Hoefling was absent. Vaughn read Hoefling's report: approved a resolution to allow for the courts to apply for grant funds for their new community correction plan, appointed land bank board members to also serve as the brownfield development board, and approved the deficit elimination plan for the Michigan Inogen Defense Fund.

CCRC, Bill Simpson reported the blacktop is done on Springwood Lake, brining is finished (may look like a small amount, but it is so dry; it is the same amount that is always spread), Dodge Lake drain work will begin June 9th, they ordered millage signs to be put on Springwood Lake, and Simpson passed out their Spring newsletter.

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report was given by Goodenow. Wallace moved to approve Treasurer's report, seconded by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC**

CLERK'S REPORT: Invoices and bills to be paid were given to the board ahead of time. Goodenow moved to approve and pay the monthly bills for the rest of June and beginning of July including: Payroll, Consumers, Charter, Republic, VC3, Melissa Townsend \$30 for phone, Amazon \$1,246.65-Invoice #13PN-13KG-THHN (toner, in ground sleeves, steel post), Clare County Cleaver \$68.45-Invoice #8493 (special meeting budget hrg publication), Charles Goodenow (Goodenow Farms)-Invoice #00001 (May mowing), Harrison DIB Lumber \$122.50-Invoice #2606-090885 (cement and trash bags for park), MTA \$1,724.20-Invoice #47041 (annual dues), Redgy Garver \$500 (full at Hoover-Booth), Shred Experts \$60.00-Invoice #168759 (shred documents), seconded by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC** Wallace reported the Fire Department came to Hamilton Township 6 times in May, Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser will be Tuesday, June 9th from 3-10 in Mt. Pleasant (10% of food bill will go toward the park-must present flyer), the Election Commission will meet Tuesday, July 14th at 10:45am and the Public Accuracy test will be Tuesday, July 14th at 11:00am for the August 4th election, and absentee ballots should be available the week of June 22nd.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT, TINA WRIGHT was absent.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR, KELLY BENNETT reported the Public Hearing will be July 1st at 6pm with the regular PC meeting to follow at 6:30pm.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, MELISSA TOWNSEND was absent. Vaughn read Townsend's report: 5 permits were issued and several more calls for more permits.

PARKS, AMY WRIGHT reported we did not get the T-Mobile grant, finishing touches are being done on the park, a final walk through of the park will take place Saturday before the Grand Opening, Wright confirmed BubbaQ, Rockabilly Devils, and Road Commission will be at the Grand Opening, Wright inquired if the Board wanted to add a sledding hill on the property?, Wright talked about future programming at the park (story time with the library, GRAFT does plays, 5K fundraiser information, and meals to be passed out in the summer), and ROSCO the snake may not be a good idea because of mowing. The township received a Certificate from John Moolenar that was read, Vaughn reported he talked with Brendan Powell at Hayes Township about a soccer field (Hayes pays a lot each year to maintain their soccer fields), Goodenow mentioned adding a basketball court to the park, and Conway talked about pickle ball courts.

BLIGHT: Vaughn reported 3 houses are being torn down and the house on Swallow may be given to the Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

PARK GRAND OPENING Wallace gave an update: we have 200 bags of chips, 270 bottles of water, ice, the ribbon cutting scissors have been picked up, and the park sign rules are in.

LIABILITY WAIVER Motion to approve the Liability Waiver that the Attorney drafted made by Conway, seconded by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC**

PAVILION AND AMPHITHEATER Motion to approve the pavilion and amphitheater rental agreements that the attorney looked over with the correction of a spelling error made by Goodenow, seconded by Conway; all in favor. **MC**
The resolution was offered by Wallace and supported by Goodenow to set the rental fees for the pavilion and amphitheater. 5 ayes, 0 naves; resolution passed.

MUSIC COPYRIGHT it was recommended to obtain a music copyright license from the Attorney. A check and an agreement have been sent to BMI and ASCAP.

AMEND POLICIES Motion to amend policies: Public Use of Township Facilities (pages 73-74) to include the pavilions and amphitheater made by Iutzi, seconded by Conway; all in favor. **MC**

NEW BUSINESS

CD'S Motion to renew the CDs at MFCU for 12 months at a rate of 3.75% made by Goodenow, seconded by Wallace; all in favor. **MC**

PICKLE BALL Vaughn reported that the gym cost the township a lot to heat this winter. Discussions were made. Keep pickleball for another year.

CEMETERIES (HOURLY PAY) The resolution was offered by Wallace and supported by Conway to up the hourly pay of the cemetery sexton from \$10 to \$15. 5 ayes, 0 naves; Resolution passed.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS Motion to approve the following budget amendments made by Goodenow, seconded by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC**

Dept 101- Contract Serv-Internet amend to \$7,581.80, Bank service charges amend to \$375, and Memberships amend to \$1,724.20

Dept 253-Treasurer: Social Security & Medicare amend to \$1,304.32 and Education and Professional amend to \$549.82

Dept 371-Building Inspection Department: Social Security & Medicare amend to \$639.98 and Meetings amend to \$1,985

Dept 567-Cemetery: Contractual Service amend to \$5,490

Dept 751-Park: Supplies to \$280.90 and Contractual Service to \$917.00

BUDGET RESOLUTIONN The resolution was offered by Wallace and supported by Goodenow to Establish a General Appropriations Act for Hamilton (Budget 2026-2027). 5 ayes, 0 naves; Resolution passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Began at 7:37pm, 2 comments were heard. Ended at 7:39pm.

Dates to Remember

June 6, 2026...Hamilton Township Park Grand Opening

June 9, 2026 3PM-10PM...Dine to Donate Texas Roadhouse in Mt. Pleasant (Must show wait staff flyer (either on your phone or a hardcopy) you are supporting Hamilton Township)

June 14, 2026...Flag Day originated in 1777, becoming an official National observance in 1949 by President Harris S. Truman.

June 19, 2026...Juneteenth

June 20, 2026...Craft, Crop, and Shop (Silent Auction) 10AM-4PM

July 2, 2026 6:30PM...Next Board Meeting

This Date in History

1919 U.S. Senate approve the 19th Amendment allowing woman to vote!

1937 The very first shopping cart was debuted at the Humpty Dumpty Grocery Store in Oklahoma City.

1942 The most decisive U.S. Naval victory in WWII at the Battle of Midway

Have a Safe, Happy, Healthy and Blessed Summer!

ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn at 7:42pm made by Conway, seconded by Iutzi; all in favor. **MC**