

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**1/21/2025 – MINUTES**

Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Hatton Township Board; Before the meeting started, Clare County Republican Chairperson, Kelly Harrison asked if she could have some guests from the Republican Committee join virtually.

CALL TO ORDER: Roll Call, Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y; Guiette; Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y the Board: Guests: Bill Simpson, Jack Kleinhardt, Kelly Harrison, John Britton, Attending virtually, Randy Gray; Lisa Jaco; Pledge of Allegiance

ACCEPT or AMEND AGENDA Amendments to agenda: 1. To add approval of Fire Fund Minutes from the 12/17/24 Public Hearing Meeting to new business. 2. To add to new business, a variance for what the square footage of a cabin/shed that were issued zoning permits. Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to approve the agenda with amendments; motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes for the Regular Monthly Board meeting of 12/17/2024 provided to the Board in advance and made available to the Public. Kelly Harrison asked that the following amendments be made to the 12/17/24 minutes, 1. Lisa Jaco asked for copy of Special Use Permit for Rocks and Valleys; 2. Randy Gray had asked for a copy of the zoning and ordinances. Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to accept the minutes with amendments; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance: \$44,825.24

Revenue: \$29,014.85

Expenditure: \$25,657.70

Ending Balance: \$48,182.39

-Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to accept the Treasurer's report as given; motion carried.

-One CD of \$10,000 has matured at Mercantile Bank they are offering rollover 3.99% for 1 year, was at 4.93%. Clerk McClain felt that was a low percentage rate verses what other banks and credit unions might be offering.

Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to allow Treasurer, Molly Humphrey to see if she could find a better percentage rate at other banks and rollover to the bank or credit union that offered the best percentage; motion carried. (2 days after the meeting, Treasurer Humphrey informed Clerk McClain, that Mercantile Bank had agreed to match the Members First Credit Union rate of 4.25%)

REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:

-Clare County Road Commissioner, Bill Simpson gave Board Members and Guests a copy of the Newsletter that Dwayne Evans has started. He also shared a list of projects that have been accomplished in the past few years. CCRC is working with Cooks Forest Products for an egress to share Cooks current driveway with the CCRC once the new CCRC building is complete. The Bonds have been approved and groundbreaking for the new building should take place in early spring.

-County Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt said that things are quiet at the Clare County Commissioners' meetings. Commissioners appointed George Gilmore as the Chairperson and Rick Fancon as the Vice-Chairperson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

-Due to our current designer will be retiring at the end of 2025, Hatton Township will be inviting web designer to meetings in the next few months:

Erie High is the current web manager for Franklin Township and said that he could design our website like Franklin Township and would be charging between \$240 to \$300 per year.

Clare County Republican Committee Chair, Kelly Harrison-Republican County Convention on January 30; State Convention will be held February 21 and 22.

Brine dates for 2025 will be May 8 and August 15.

Kelly Harrison asked if AI or tracker capabilities are used or could it be used to make sure that all roads get brined? She was told as of right now that is not the case but welcomed her to contact Michigan Chloride to suggest this.

REPORTS: TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Zoning Meeting Special Zoning meeting:

1 zoning permit was issued.

Planning and Zoning is still working with Beckett & Raeder to complete the updated Zoning and Ordinances.

CORRESPONDENCE: December bills sent totaling: \$25,722.29, W-2's to township employees; submitted W2 and W3 to IRS, 4th Quarter F941 to IRS; Unemployment earnings; certified letters to Andrew Morris and Randy Gray (sent December 18, 2024); emailed remaining documents needed to complete the township audit; mailed 2025 brining contract to Michigan Chloride; Nathaniel Farrell responded to FOIA request for someone wanting zoning/ordinance information on solar, wind, battery.

Received: Sherriff's report; Fire report; brine dates for 2025 as May 8 and August 15; received back audit materials and finalized audit.

TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:

None

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

101-223-807 Auditing fees budgeted \$4,200.00 (current balance -\$2,800.00)

Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to approve the budget adjustments as stated above; motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to pay the January bills totaling \$ \$9,860.62 as presented; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:

-Supervisor, Hileman stated that Blight Officer, Terry Acton has a person on Timberlane who is residing in a camper/trailer which is against zoning rules. There is also a resident that is refusing to clean their property.

-Discuss who we might contact for interviews to replace our current website manager after she retires at the end of 2025. Erie High was present tonight and gave update (see Public comments); Clerk McClain will email and invite other recommended candidates from current website manager to future meetings and board will decide replacement before the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

-Clerk McClain asked the board to consider purchasing some road signs on the main boarders of Hatton Township welcoming people and informing them that Hatton Township is a zoned community- Supervisor Hileman will check with the Clare County Road Commission on pricing and putting up the signs.

-Hileman asked the Board to consider giving a variance for 2 sheds/cabins that were given zoning permits. Owners wish to make these their permanent residence. Both cabins are not within the zoning/ordinance sizes. Farrell and McClain do not think this would be a good idea as it would set precedence for others to ask. Hileman would like to table this and speak to the township attorney. Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to table the variance for a future meeting after Hileman has spoken with township attorney and does some fact-finding; motion carried.

-Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to approve the Public Hearing minutes (Fire Fund) that was held at 7:00 pm on 12/17/24; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to adjourn meeting at 8:34 pm; motion carried. Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to reopen the meeting to approve Public Hearing minutes; motion carried. Motion by Farrell; supported by Humphrey to adjourn meeting at 8:36 pm. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

February 18, 2025, at 7:30 pm Regular Monthly Meeting

Prepared: 1/21/2025- ~~Not Approved, prepared by Linda McClain, Clerk~~

Approved: 2/18/2025, Linda McClain, Clerk