

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**10/15/2024 – MINUTES**

Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Hatton Township Board

CALL TO ORDER: Pledge to the Flag, Roll Call, Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y; Guiette; Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y
the Board: Guests: Johnny Mills, Chuck Rogalski, Bill Simpson, Jack Kleinhardt, Terry Acton

ACCEPT or AMEND AGENDA: Motion by Guiette and supported by Farrell; Motion Carried

MINUTES: Minutes for the Regular Monthly Board meeting of 09/17/2024 provided to the Board in advance and made available to the Public. Motion by Farrell; by Guiette; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-Revenue for month September: \$3,035.48

-Expenditures for month of September: \$86,341.54

-General Fund Balance-\$23,912.92

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

-We have 2 CD's at Mercantile Bank matured. Both are \$20,002.78 each and can be rolled over at 3.93% for 24 months.

- Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell; rollover CD account ending in 2776 at 3.93% for 24 months and CD ending in 2794 will be cashed out and the funds deposited in the general fund at Huntington Bank. Rollcall vote: Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y, Guiette: Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y; motion carried.

REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:

-Terry Acton spoke about the tiny sheds/cabins that are on Timberlane. The zoning permits were issued under false pretenses and residents did not inform the Zoning Officer that they plan to use these as residency. From now on, Zoning Officer will not issue zoning permits without having a form that has what the shed/cabins will be used as. The current sheds/cabins will still need to get permits for electric, furnace and occupancy permits from the County.

-CCRC Commissioner, Bill Simpson told us that the county is preparing for winter and had several road projects to get finished before the weather gets too bad.

-Simpson stated that the CCRC would be meeting with the Clare County Commissioners on October 16 to try to get approval to sell municipal bonds to fund the new building that the Clare County Road Commission is planning to build. Insurance companies will not insure the current building without some hefty repairs. No significant structural updates have been made to the current building since 1973. The current CCRC building is over 60 years old.

-Bill Simpson presented the project quote for Phase I of Cornwell north of Mannsiding road construction project to start 2025. This will be a 2-phase project. Clare County Road Commission will pay \$251,038.18; Hatton Township will pay \$125,519.09 for Phase I; this will include ditching, trimming and taking out trees that need to be removed. Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to accept the Phase I quote: Rollcall vote: Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y, Guiette: Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y; motion carried.

-Clare County Commissioner, Jack Kleinhardt stated that the 2025 County budget has been approved.

-Clerk McClain asked Kleinhardt why most of the County Commissioners voted to have Election Source do the programming of the elections. The price for Election Source to do the programming verses

having County Clerk, Lori Mott would be almost triple what County Clerk, Mott is asking for. Lori and her staff work 60 plus hours during the election cycle. Kleinhardt did not respond with an answer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

-Guest: Johnny Mills asked the board to consider contacting DTE Energy to see about running the natural gas line down Ashard Rd. Mills had a very specific calculation on savings that the hall would save. Mills stated that they are aware of 6-7 more residents that live on Ashard Rd that are interested in getting hooked up to a natural gas line.

-Chuck Rogalski that resides next door to August Hill (a special events venue) stated that he and 7 other neighbors have been complaining about the loud music and noises when the venue is holding events. Rogalski stated that August Hill has violated their Special Use permit issued by Hatton Township Board in June 2020. August Hill is holding events other than the stated days stated on the special use permit which shows they can only hold events on Fridays and Saturdays. August Hill has held some events recently on Thursdays and Sundays. The music is also much louder than it was supposed to be. Rogalski said that they do not want to take legal action against the township or the venue owner but does request that the Hatton Township Board and the Zoning Ordinance Commission consider revoking the special use permit.

REPORTS: TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Zoning Meeting Special Zoning meeting:

Next Planning and Zoning meeting will be held on November 11.

No Zoning permits were presented to board.

CORRESPONDENCE: September bills sent totaling: \$86,341.54; As of 10/13/24 155 absentee ballots have been mailed out for the 11/5/24 election; as of 10/13/24; 32 ballots have already been returned for processing on election day.

Received: Sherriff's report; Fire report; ballots for November 5, 2024, election; checks for both election grants.

Center for Tech and Civic Life for \$5,000
Institute for Responsive Grant for \$6,000

TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:

9/26 McClain-Monthly Clerk Meeting

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

101-265-977 Township and Hall Grounds Equipment Budgeted \$1200.00 (Current balance -\$1,487.76)

101-101-745 Township Board Operating Summer Tax Budgeted \$0.00 (Current balance -\$89.80)

101-336-818 Fire Contract Services Budgeted \$35,000 (Current balance -\$2,661.53)

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

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to pay the October bills totaling \$47,082.74; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:

-Blight issues are being addressed through the proper process. Each blight case is at different stages in the process if they need to go before a judge or not to get a resolution.

-Hileman will speak to County Administrator, Lori Phelps, about the next steps for the Fire Fund renewal proposal that passed in the August election.

NEW BUSINESS

-2025 Fire Protection Contract for Hatton Township is \$37,661.53. Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to approve the Fire Protection contract. Rollcall vote: Hileman; Y; Farrell; Y; Guiette; Y; Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y; motion carried.

-Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to withdraw \$37,661.53 from the High Yield Savings (Fire Fund) from Members First Credit Union and deposit money in to Huntington Bank Hatton Township general fund: Rollcall vote by board: Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y, Guiette; Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y, motion carried.

-2024-25 Snow plowing and salting contract for Township Hall parking lot: Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to award Steve Keysor the contract at \$45 per plowing and \$90 for salting; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to adjourn meeting at 9:16 pm; motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings

- Planning and Zoning Meeting-November 11 at 6:30 pm
- Monthly Regular Board Meeting-November 19, 2024, at 7:30 pm.

Prepared: 10/15/2024-~~Not Approved, prepared by Linda McClain, Clerk~~
Approved: 11/17/2024, Linda McClain, Clerk