

**HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING****12/17/2024 – MINUTES**

Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Hatton Township Board

**CALL TO ORDER:** Roll Call, Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y; Guiette; Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y the Board: Guests: Andrew Morris, Sarah Morris, Lisa Jaco, Kevin Humphrey, Bill Simpson, Jeff Smith, Jack Kleinhardt, Randy Gray, Kelly Harrison, Chuck Rogalski; Pledge of Allegiance took place during the 7:00 pm Public Hearing meeting.

**ACCEPT or AMEND AGENDA:** Motion by Guiette and supported by Farrell; to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Minutes for the Regular Monthly Board meeting of 11/19/2024 provided to the Board in advance and made available to the Public. Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell; to approve the minutes as given; motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Beginning Balance: \$27,939.39

Revenue: \$38,329.51

Expenditure: \$21,443.66

Ending Balance: \$44,825.44

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

-No CD's matured at this time.

**REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:**

-Clare County Road Commissioner, Bill Simpson said that not much to report at this time. Road Commission has been working some overtime already due to winter storms after normal hours and on the weekends.

-County Commissioner, Jack Kleinhardt stated that the Court of Appeals has dismissed the lawsuit from the Prosecutor's office. A study is being conducted to see how Clare County Prosecutors office ranks with funding against other counties around the surrounding area.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

-Kelly Harrison, Republican Chair for Clare County stated that the Republican party meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Pere Marquette Library. The County Convention will be held on January 30, 2025.

-Randy Gray made a FOIA request asking to receive any zoning or ordinances on turning a small shed/cabin into a permanent dwelling. It was explained to Mr. Gray that the township is in the process of updating their zoning and ordinances and that our old zoning and ordinances did not address the questions that he was asking. Gray asked if we could send him a denial form to his FOIA request. Clerk McClain and Supervisor Hileman told Mr Gray, that township would send him a certified letter stating that we did email him documents showing that the current zoning laws showing the minimum size for a residential dwelling. Mr Gray asked to look at the zoning and ordinance book. (Mr Gray was emailed the complete zoning and ordinances that were approved in 1993) It was explained that once zoning and ordinances were updated and approved by the Board. that we could then share any additional information with him at that time. A public hearing will be announced in the local newspaper and the township website when the updated zoning and ordinances are completed and ready to share with

township residents. The board and Planning and Zoning Commission is tentatively planning to have this completed by early summer 2025.

Lisa Jaco requested a copy of the Special Use Permit for Rocks and Valleys (a copy of the Special Use Permit for Rocks and Valleys was placed in her office mailbox by the Clerk on 1/21/25).

**REPORTS: TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Zoning Meeting Special Zoning meeting:**

1 zoning permits were issued between November and December meetings.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** November bills sent totaling: \$21,443.66; Premium audit from Accident Fund; several emails for needed items for Township audit with Weinlander Fitzhugh.

**Received:** Sherriff's report; Fire report; received contract for 2025 brining rates from Michigan Chloride; FOIA Request from Randy Gray (Zoning/Ordinances on Cabins and Sheds)

**TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:**

12/4/24 McClain-Monthly County Clerk Meeting

12/10/24, 12/16/24-Special Hearing for August Hill Special Use Permit review

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

101-257-818 Accessor-Accessor's Contract budgeted \$4,250 (current balance -\$59.00)

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

**MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:**

Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to pay the December bills totaling \$25,722.29; motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:**

-Supervisor, Hileman stated that Blight Officer, Terry Acton has sent a letter to a resident on Timberlane that refuses to clean up yard. This will more than likely go to court.

-Supervisor Hileman spoke about Fire Fund which was voted on as a millage proposal and passed in August 2024 election. The Board voted with a roll call vote at the November 2024 meeting to set the mills at 0.7 mills that would raise approximately \$29,702. The mills will be seen starting on Summer 2025, property taxes. A Public Hearing was held at 7:00 pm, prior to 7:30 pm December 17, regular meeting. Supervisor Hileman will speak with the County Treasurer and County Administrator about getting this added to the summer tax bills.

**NEW BUSINESS**

-The Planning and Zoning Commission made a recommendation after a special Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on December 16, to the Hatton Township Board to revoke the Special Use Permit issued in June 2020 to Andrew Morris for an event venue known as August Hill.

Supervisor Hileman explained to the audience that the Special Use Permit did not have an expiration date, but that Andrew Morris had admitted at the December 16 meeting that he held events on other days than Friday and Saturday as stated on Special Use Permit (see attached copy). Neighbors of the venue have complained about loud noises and events happening more than just Fridays and Saturdays. A motion was made by Farrell and supported by McClain to revoke Special Use Permit due to holding events other than those specified on Special Use Permit: Rollcall vote: Hileman; Yes, Farrell; Yes, Guiette; Yes, Humphrey; Yes, McClain; Yes. Motion carried. A certified letter will be sent to Andrew Morris to inform him that Special Use Permit has been revoked since Andrew and Sarah Morris left before the voting took place.

-Supervisor Hileman signed the 2025 Brining contract with Michigan Chloride. Clerk McClain will mail the Contract to Michigan Chloride and will email them about possible dates for brining township roads in 2025.

-Clerk McClain informed the board that current website Developer, Sheryl Judd is retiring at the end of 2025 and that Ms Judd had sent Clerk McClain some recommended contacts that could possibly take her place. The board decided to hold this discussion until the January 2025 meeting.

-Clerk McClain gave board members a questionnaire from township auditors, Weinlander Fitzhugh as part of requirements for the current township audit. McClain asked that members answer the questions and mail or email to the auditor's office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to adjourn meeting at 8:27 pm; motion carried.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

January 13, 2025, at 7:30 pm, Planning and Zoning Commission meeting

January 21, 2025, at 7:30 pm Regular Monthly Meeting

Prepared: 12/17/2024 - ~~Not Approved~~, prepared by Linda McClain, Clerk

**Approved: 1/21/2025, Linda McClain, Clerk**