

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**4/16/2024 – MINUTES**

Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Hatton Township Board

CALL TO ORDER: by Superintendent Hileman; Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present by rollcall: Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y, McClain; Y; Humphrey; Y; Guiette; Y Guests present: Bill Simpson, Jeff Smith, Michelle Ambrozaitis, Jim Revello, Joelle Jacobs

ACCEPT or AMEND AGENDA: Motion by Guiette supported by Humphrey to accept agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Guiette supported by Humphrey to approve the 3/19/24 Regular Board Meeting which was provided to the board in advance and made available to the public; motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

- Revenue for month March-\$14,159.65
- Expenditures for month of March-\$28,154.73
- General Fund Balance-\$107,304.92

Motion by Guiette; supported by McClain to accept the Treasurer's report as given; motion carried.
2 CD's ready for rollover:

1st Mercantile Bank \$30,008.09 currently at 4.19% offering a rollover for 12 months at 5%

2nd Isabella Bank \$21,489.38 currently at .9% wants to rollover at 24 months at 2%.

Motion by Guiette; supported by McClain to rollover the CD at Mercantile Bank 5% for 12 months; motion carried.

Motion by Farrell; supported by McClain to have Treasurer, Humphrey try to negotiate a better deal with Isabella Bank, that will match or come close to the term and percentage rate that Mercantile Bank is offering; motion carried.

REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:

-Prosecuting Attorney Ambrozaitis will be running on August 6, 2024, election as the 55th Circuit Court Judge, position will be open as current judge, Mienke will be retiring at the end of the year.

Ambrozaitis has written many grants. She spoke about the current case against the County Commissioners asking them to fund her office for more money. She has lost other attorneys and can't attract other attorneys to apply to the Prosecutors office because the wages are not competitive for other areas of the same size.

-Prosecutors office will have a vacant position in July.

-Clare County Crime Victims walk will be held on April 21

-Joelle Jacobs-Midland County Emergency Management Director has been awarded a grant from the Michigan Extension office to put several rain gauges that will be monitor the amount of rain that will go into lakes and rivers that come from Clare County to Midland County. Residents will be able to go on an app to see how much rain the rain gauge has collected. Hatton Township Hall property was selected as one of the locations in Clare County. The gauge will be free of charge and maintained by Midland County and Michigan Extension office.

Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to allow the installation of the rain gauge; motion carried.

Clare County Road Commissioner, Bill Simpson informed the board and audience members that the road commission has 33 projects that they will be working on this summer, some of 33 projects include bridges.

-Simpson stated that Road Commission Manager DeWayne Rogers and other commissioners are seeking funds to build a new building to replace the current 60 plus year building. Rogers has applied for Congressionally Directed Spending.

-Simpson shared that the Road Commissioners are reviewing a 20-county wage comparison. Some of the positions at the CCRC are much below the average of other counties of the same size.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jeff Smith has been doing spring clean up both at the township hall and the cemetery.

Jeff would like to replace the current wooden post markings that the survey company used a couple of years ago with T-posts.

Smith has 2 estimates from Hiltz and a plumber in Lake George to replace the guts in the township hall toilets. Both plumbers felt that a water softener system would not be warranted, since the water tested good, and that the township hall is not heavily used. The toilets that are currently in hall are already handicapped accessible height.

Smith will find out which plumber could do the work first, since their estimates were only a few dollars from one another.

-The board recommended that Smith purchase extra cemetery flags since the price has doubled in the past 2 years and it is unlikely that they will go down in price.

REPORTS: TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Zoning Meeting Special Zoning meeting

No Zoning Permits have been issued since the March meeting.

Planning and Zoning is still waiting on Sarah from Beckett& Raeder to get responses to them with some questions that they submitted. Planning and Zoning is hoping to have a meeting sometime in May, but only if they get response to questions from Beckett&Raeder.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent/Delivered: March bills sent totaling \$28,154.73

Received: Sherriff's report; Fire report; reimbursement from State of Michigan for the security camera; cemetery flag pricing from the Harrison VFW.

TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:

None

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

None

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

Motion by Guette; supported by Farrell to pay the April bills totaling: \$4,844.87

OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:

-Blight Updates: A letter with a ticket was sent to a resident on Timberlane who has a travel trailer and 3 pop-up campers in the front yard. Someone is living in the travel trailer.

-The board will be holding a special public hearing on April 23 to discuss the wording for the Fire Fund Millage Proposal and Resolution. Hileman will check with the township attorney to get the proper wording. This will be a renewal of the previous Fire Fund millage that expired in 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

-2024/25 Proposed Salary Resolution-Meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Next Meeting:

-Next Regular Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 7:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Farrell supported by Guiette to adjourn meeting at 8:49 pm; Motion carried.

Prepared: 4/16/2024-**Not Approved**