

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**5/21/2024 – 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: Jeff Smith, Jim Revello, Thomas Evans, Brian Coon, Terry Acton, Jeff Huovinen

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

MINUTES: Motion by Farrell supported by Guiette to approve the 4/16/24 Regular Board Meeting which was provided to the board in advance and made available to the public; motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

- Revenue for month April-\$32,925.16
- Expenditures for month of April- \$4,844.87
- General Fund Balance-\$135,385.21

Treasurer, Humphrey reported that she negotiated a deal with Isabella Bank, on the CD that was discussed at the April meeting to rates and terms comparable to that offered by Mercantile Bank.

(April minutes recap on CD's):

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).

No CDs this month that are up for maturity.

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

REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS:

Blight Officer, Terry Acton reported that there are a couple more places on Timberlane Rd that has been ticketed for blight clean up. Next steps will be to go to court if clean up does not happen soon.

Thomas Evans, Chief Prosecutor of Attorneys is running on the August 6, 2024 State Primary ballot for the County Prosecuting Attorney position that will be vacated by Michelle Ambrozatis, as she is running on ballot to be a judge.

Brian Coon, with 31 years of employment at Clare County Road Commission is running for Drain Commissioner on the August 6, 2024 ballot. Coon works with many issues with County Drains with his current position with the CCRC. If he is elected as Drain Commissioner, he will retire from CCRC and devote his time to being the County Drain Commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

-Jeff Smith has purchased more flags from VFW for the cemetery. We should have enough for several years to come.

-Recommendations from Hilts Plumbing in Harrison and Wagner Plumbing in Lake George is to not install water softener, to purchase some washers to put in the bottom of toilet tank that should fix the issues with toilets flushing so hard.

REPORTS: TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS: Zoning Meeting Special Zoning meeting

4 zoning permits were issued since the April meeting:

Mary Persen

Jeff Emery

Ken Walsh

Ron Defoy

It looks like the Planning and Zoning Board will be meeting with Beckett & Raeder to hopefully finalize the Updated Zoning and Master Plan on June 20, 2024. A posting about the meeting will be on the door of the hall after the date and time has been confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE: April bills sent totaling: \$4,884.87; Reported yearly APRA funds Projects; submitted Fire Fund Milage Proposal and Resolution to County Clerk for August 6, ballot; Submitted a list of Hatton Township candidates that have completed Affidavit of Identity forms and Petition for Nomination forms that the Hatton Township Clerk has received to the Clare County Clerk's office. These candidates will be on the August 6 and November 5 ballots.

Received: Sherriff's report; Fire report; L-4028 from County Equalization; 2024-2025 Equalization Services Contract; Notification from Lincoln Township notification that they have adopted a new Master Plan.

TRAINING/OTHER MEETINGS:

April 23 -Township Board had a special public hearing to discuss wording for Fire Fund Millage Proposal that will be on August 6, ballot.

April 25-McClain-County Clerks monthly meeting

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

101-101-703 Township Board Salary and Wages Other-Budgeted \$0, current balance -\$440.00.

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

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to pay the May bills totaling: \$ 8,049.95

OLD BUSINESS AS NEEDED:

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NEW BUSINESS

- The Sexton Contract will remain unchanged for the 2024-25 budget. Sexton will receive \$600 in June for yearly contract and will get a percentage for burials and setting headstones as in previous years. The Lawn Care contract was changed from \$150 to \$185 for mowing the cemetery and from \$60 to \$75 for mowing the township hall. Hourly labor wage will be \$16 per hour instead of \$15 per hour.
- Updated Lawn Care Contract will be signed at the June 21, 2024, meeting. The change in Lawn Service contract and Sexton Contract was approved by a rollcall vote by the Board; Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to update and the Lawn Care Contract and approve the Sexton Contract: Hileman; Y, Guiette; Y; Farrell; Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y; motion carried.

- Discussion about removing trees, stumps, widening and putting gravel on 1 mile of Cornwell Avenue to the north of Mannsiding Rd. Clare County Road Commission gave a ruff estimate of between \$130,000 to \$150,000 to do the work. The board is tabling this until they can get a more precise estimate from Road Commission before any more discussion or voting will be done on this.
- Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to select Option #3 (Full Service) of the County Equalization Contract for 2024-25; motion carried.

Next Meeting:

- Next Regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, June 18 at 7:30 pm at the Township Hall
- Public Forum for 2024-25 Township Budget will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 18 at the Township Hall.
- Election Commission will meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, June 18 to elect Chairperson, Election Inspectors and Receiving Boad for the August 6, State Primary. At the township Hall.
- Preliminary Ballot Testing for the August 6, 2024, State Primary will be held on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Township Hall.
- Public Ballot Testing for the August 6, 2024, State Primary will be held on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend one or both ballot testing dates.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to adjourn meeting at 9:05 pm; Motion carried.

Prepared: 5/21/2024-**Not Approved, prepared by; Clerk, Linda McClain**