

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**01 /20/2026 – MINUTES**

Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Hileman; Y; Guiette; Y, Farrell; Y, Humphrey; Y; McClain; Y; Guests: 4 guests that signed in.

Public Comment on Agenda: No public comments on agenda

Accept or amend Agenda: Motion by Farrell supported by Guiette to approve the agenda as given; motion carried.

Accept or amend previous month's minutes: Minutes for the Regular Monthly Board meeting of 12/16/25 provided to the Board in advance and made available to the Public. **Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to approve the 12/16/25 meeting minutes; motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$54,935.37

Revenue: \$41,513.70

Expenditure: \$31,257.24

Ending Balance: \$65,191.83

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

Fire fund: Previous Balance: \$28,032.29

Interest: \$29.77

Current balance: \$28,062.06

Reports by County Officials: Clare County Commissioner, Jack Kleinhardt:
Commissioner Kleinhardt was absent.

Reports by County Officials: Clare County Road Commissioner, Bill Simpson

- The winter weather has been keeping the Road Commission extremely busy.
- Road Commission has won Employer of the year award from Michigan Works. Dwayne Rogers will be going to Lansing in April to be presented with the award from the Governor
- CCRC is having an educational meeting on February 13 10 am at CTE
- They are dry walling in the new CCRC and lights are on.
- Next MTA meeting is Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:30 pm at the Hayes Township Hall. MTA would like to have more participation from Townships on what topics they would like them to cover. Discussing having a MTA meeting every other month.
- Rural Planning meeting held at Mid-Michigan College March 26, 8 am to 5 pm-Jerry Becker has more details.
- Weigh Master Training Programming, February 24, 2026, 9:00 am at Robin Harsh facility on Clare Ave.-Learn the latest load restriction rules

Planning and Zoning Administration and Blight: Zoning and Blight Administrator, Terry Acton
Terry Acton was absent.

Cemetery and Hall Report: Jeff Smith

Jeff Smith was absent.

Motion to pay the bills-Totaling \$5,180.74 **Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to pay the January bills; motion carried.**

Budget Adjustments

101-964-961 Property Tax Refunds unallocated: budgeted \$0, current balance -\$40.82

101-266-829 Attorney fees other: budgeted \$1500.00, current balance -\$50.00

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

Correspondence: Sheriff and Fire Reports for December 2025 bills totaling \$31,257.23, prepared and mailed 2025 W-2's to township employees, received yearly F-65 and Qualifying Statement from township auditors

Training or Other Meetings attended by Board Members:

No meetings or training

Old Business:

- 2 possible bids for road projects:
 1. Adams Road west of Clare Ave total cost if Grant Township goes in with Hatton Township would be \$74,433.90 per township and Road Commission.
 2. Monroe Rd west of Harrison Ave-canopy on road \$12,375.00. One of the guests in the audience that travels that road frequently thinks that the road is in great shape.
Board is tabling this matter until next meeting to do some more fact-finding and to see if Grant Township is interested in splitting the Adams Road project.
- Yearly Maintenance contract with Apcom for township hall generator. Clerk McClain and Supervisor Hileman explained that during the ice storm power outages in late December, township hall was going to be an emergency shelter, but the generator was not operational when they opened the building. Apcom came out and changed the oil and replaced a part on the generator. They will be sending a quote for a yearly maintenance agreement with the bill for coming out to service the generator.

New Business:

- Zoning Board of Appeal candidates: Diane Latunski, Chuck Rogalski and Molly Humphrey were appointed individually by a unanimous roll call vote by the board.
- Rogalski and Humphrey were sworn in by Clerk McClain and signed the Oath of Office. Latunski was absent but Clerk McClain will be working on setting up an organizational meeting with each member and will be swearing in Latunski at that meeting.
- Zoning Board of Appeal will be reviewing an application for ZBA from Tristen Zienkiewicz submitted, wanting to put a campground in on his residential property on Hatton Road. Hileman stated that he wanted to make Zienkiewicz aware of what he found out from EGLE about the permits, sewage, driveway, etc. that needs to be done to make a campground up to township, county and state codes. If Zienkiewicz changes his mind about proceeding with the ZBA process and the campground, then the board would be willing to refund his money that he paid to file the ZBA application.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Chuck Rogalski praised David Hutchinson and the board for the wonderful new website.
- John Jabor has an idea for some of the blight problems on Timberlane Rd-sub wood fencing 50 feet by 4 feet at Tractor Supply for \$75 dollars. Give some of the residents with blight some of the fencing so other residents do not have to see the blight that some residents on that road have in their yards. Hileman stated that it does take time to go through the processes lawfully and that Terry Acton and the board have been dealing with several blight issues on Timberlane.

Adjournment of Meeting:

- Motion by Guiette supported by Farrell to adjourn meeting at 8:29 pm; motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Saturday, February 7, 2026-10:00-11:30 am Clare County Food Distribution at Clare County Transit
- Tuesday, February 17, 2026, regular monthly board meeting at 7:30 pm

Prepared: 1/20/2026 – Not approved: Clerk Linda McClain