

**HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING****02/17/2026 – MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Hileman; Y; Guiette; Y, Farrell; Y, Humphrey; Y; McClain; Y; Guests: 7 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 1/20/26 provided to the Board in advance and made available to the Public. **Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to approve the 1/20/26 meeting minutes; motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning Balance: \$65,191.83

Revenue: \$58,312.38

Expenditure: \$5,180.74

Ending Balance: \$118,323.47

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

**Fire fund:** Previous Balance: \$28,062.06

Interest: \$29.80

Current balance: \$28,091.86

- No Maturity of CDs

**Reports by County Officials: Clare County Commissioner, Jack Kleinhardt:**

- Quiet at the courthouse.
- 670,000 acres of farmland are lost to solar farms in Michigan.

**Reports by County Officials: Clare County Road Commissioner, Bill Simpson was absent; Dave Bondy from CCRC gave report:**

- CCRC had a lot of good feedback on the 2/13/26 Government Informational meeting that was held at CTE building. They are considering making this a yearly event.
- New CCRC building is all enclosed, 80% of the office area is done, utilities are being installed this week.
- Spring frost laws will go into effect on 2/18/26 at 6:00 am.

**Planning and Zoning Administration and Blight: Zoning and Blight Administrator, Terry Acton**

**Terry Acton was absent.** Bill Hileman stated that Acton is working on 2 wrecked mobile homes on Timberlane Rd.

**Cemetery and Hall Report: Jeff Smith: Jeff Smith was absent.**

**Motion to pay the bills-Totaling \$8,079.35 Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to pay the February bills; motion carried.**

**Budget Adjustments**

101-215-741 Clerk Operating Supplies & Equipment budgeted \$1,000.00 (current balance - \$355.15)

101-266-829 Attorney Atty fees/other budgeted \$1,500 (current balance -\$50.00)

101-723-955 Zoning Board of Appeals budgeted \$0 (current balance -\$300.00)

**Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to approve budget adjustment; motion carried.**

**Correspondence:** Sheriff and Fire Reports for January 2026; mailed out bills totaling \$5,180.74

**Training or Other Meetings attended by Board Members:**

McClain-Monthly Clerk's meeting with Clare County Clerks 1/23/26, ZBA Organizational meeting 1/26/26, Court 2/17/26

Hileman-ZBA Organizational meeting 1/26/26, MTA Meeting 2/3/26, CCRC meeting 2/13/26, Court 2/17/26

**Old Business:**

- The revised quote for widening and tree removal and graveling on Adams Rd, west of Clare Avenue is \$55,075.43. Grant Township has already signed the contract for their portion. Hatton Township Board is checking on CD's that are mature for this summer and will decide at Regular March meeting whether to sign the contract.

**New Business:**

- Tammy and Trisha Galloway from Longer Table in Harrison recently purchased the former Pepperoncini's building on Clare Avenue and 61 (Gladwin Rd). They asked the board to approve a liquor license that Pepperoncini's had but had let expire. Motion by McClain, supported by Guiette to approve liquor license: Rollcall vote: Hileman; Yes, Farrell; Yes, Guiette; Yes, Humphrey; Yes, McClain; Yes, motion carried.
- Board needs to vote on returning the \$300 to Tristen Zienkiewicz submitted when he filed a Zoning Board of Appeals Application for a campground that he was considering putting in on Hatton Rd. Zienkiewicz has decided not to move forward with the campground due to cost of permits and other requirements that EGLE requires. Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to refund the \$300 check to Zienkiewicz which is the agreement on the application. Rollcall vote: Hileman; Yes, Farrell; Yes, Guiette; Yes, Humphrey; Yes, McClain; Yes, motion carried.
- MTA sent the Principals of Governance Document encouraging township boards to sign, follow and post which shows the rules for board meetings with respect for the public and board. Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette; motion carried. Document was signed by each board member and document was posted on the hall entryway bulletin board.
- One of the toilets in the lady's restroom at hall is not working properly: Bill Hileman will call Hilts plumbing to have them come out and fix. Due to the cold winter, and not much snow in the drain area, it could just be frozen.
- Randy Gray has filed a lawsuit against Hatton Township stating that Clerk McClain should have accepted the signed petitions to repeal the updated zoning ordinances even though it was over the required 30 days of the first publication in newspaper showing that the board had approved the updated zoning ordinances- Waiting on judge to make a ruling on this case.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A guest that has property on Timberlane Rd stated that a unlicensed van is near the road and needs to be moved. Hileman stated that he would let Blight/Zoning Administrator know about the van.

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

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

**Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- **Monday, March 2, 2026-10:00 am to 6:00 pm Hatton Township Treasurer holding office hours at her residence 1682 S Bluegill Rd, Clare, MI for last day to pay property taxes without penalty.**
- **March Board of Review:**
  - March 3 12:00 to 1:00 pm Organizational Meeting**
  - March 9 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm appeals meeting**
  - March 12 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm appeals meeting**
- **Saturday, March 7, 2026-10:00-11:30 am Clare County Food Distribution at Clare County Transit**
- **Tuesday, March 17, 2026, regular monthly board meeting at 7:30 pm**

Prepared: 2/17/2026 – ~~Not approved: Clerk Linda McClain~~

Approved unanimously by the board on 3/17/26