

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**03/17/2026 – MINUTES**

Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Hileman; Y; Guiette; Y, Farrell; Y, Humphrey; Y; McClain; Y;
Guests: 3 guests

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 2/17/26 provided to the Board in advance and made available to the Public. **Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to approve the 2/17/26 meeting minutes; motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$118,323.47

Revenue: \$40,912.59

Expenditure: \$8,074.35

Ending Balance: \$151,161.71

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

Fire fund: Previous Balance: \$28,091.86

Interest: \$26.94

Current balance: \$28,118.80

- No Maturity of CDs
- Current CD totals: Mercantile Bank: \$86,158.48
Isabella Bank: 194,185.96

Reports by County Officials: Clare County Commissioner, Commissioner Kleinhardt was not present at meeting:

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

- 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 coming along well. Carpeting and flooring are being put down in the office area this week. Building is 100% enclosed.
- Weighmaster training that was held at Harsh Excavating had a great turnout of about 70 different companies being represented. It is important that truck drivers know the rules of road and load hauling laws, so that they can avoid getting ticketed.
- CCRC budget is uncertain. They are uncertain when they will be receiving their money from the State. CCRC has a \$220,000 monthly deficit while waiting for funds from state.

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

- A zoning permit for residential solar panel was approved by the Zoning administrator.
- A resident on Timberlane who has 2 house trailers that are broken in ½ will be getting a summons for court appearance as they are not willing to work with blight officer.
- Acton will be attending some training classes for Zoning and Blight that the County will be paying for since he is contracted with City of Clare and other townships.

Cemetery and Hall Report: Jeff Smith:

- Jeff Smith stated that he will more than likely need to order more flag holders for the cemetery.
- Smith needs to put Thompson Water Seal on the cemetery sign.
- Smith is waiting to hear about two new headstones that may be delivered this spring
- No cremation or burials took place this winter at the Hatton Cemetery

Motion to pay the bills-Totaling \$27,319.80 Motion by Guiette; supported by Farrell to pay the March bills; motion carried.**Budget Adjustments**

101-266-829 Attorney-Atty fees other Budgeted \$1500; current balance -\$450.00

101-215-741 Clerk Operating Supplies and Equipment Budgeted \$1,000: current balance -\$62.96

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

Correspondence: Sheriff and Fire Department reports for February 2026 were received. February bills totaling \$8,079.35 have been mailed. A certified letter was received from a resident containing four questions regarding Hatton Township's process for accepting referendum petitions; the Clerk provided written responses to each question and returned them via certified mail. The SLFRF (ARPA) annual closeout, final project, and expenditure report have been completed. Additionally, first-quarter UIA and Form 491 reporting has been completed and submitted.

Training or Other Meetings attended by Board Members:

No Training or meetings since February meeting.

Old Business:

- Board members reviewed the CD amounts that Treasurer Humphrey reported in her earlier report. It was decided unanimously and by rollcall vote to sign the contract with CCRC and Grant Township to start road work on Adams Rd, west of Clare Avenue. A cost of \$55,075.43 for the township.
- Hileman reported that Hilts Plumbing came and checked the toilets in the township hall and could not find anything wrong with them. They feel that the cold weather was probably the reason that the toilets were not working properly. Since weather has warmed up, everything is working fine.
- Apcom annual maintenance contract for hall generator-Hileman said he has and will drop off to Clerk McClain. It will be on agenda for April meeting.

New Business:

- EGLE Scrap Tire Grant is open now until March 31, 2026. This is the grant that Melissa from Hamilton Township told us about last fall and encouraged us to apply. Motion by Farrell; supported by Guiette to allow Clerk McClain to apply for the grant; motion carried.
- Discuss getting bids to power wash township hall, vinyl fences and sign-bids will be reviewed at April meeting.
- Hileman stated that he would like to get the roof on the township hall inspected-It was decided to table until April meeting.
- Discussed switching the meeting time from 7:30 pm to an earlier time. Farrell and Hileman said that with their work and coaching commitments that 7:30 pm works best for them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comment

Adjournment of Meeting:

- Motion by Farrell supported by Guiette to adjourn meeting at 8:25 pm; motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Saturday, April 11, 2026-10:00-11:30 am Clare County Food Distribution at Clare County Transit
- Tuesday, April 21, 2026, regular monthly board meeting at 7:30 pm

Prepared: 3/17/2026 – Not approved: Clerk Linda McClain