

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**6/16/2026 – MINUTES**

Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Hileman; Y; Farrell; Y, Humphrey; Y; McClain; Y; Guests: 10 guests.

Board and guests took a moment of silence to honor long-time Trustee, William Guiette that passed away unexpectedly in May.

Public Comment on Agenda: No public comments on agenda

Accept or amend Agenda: Motion by Farrell; supported by Humphrey to approve the agenda with amendment to moving new business letter A: Appointing and swearing in new Trustee Chuck Rogalski to the meeting after agenda so that he can participate in this evening's meeting.

Chuck Rogalski and another candidate were the only ones that had submitted letters of interest to the township board. Due to commitments by another candidate, they would have been unable to make some of the board meetings.

Motion by Farrell, supported by Humphrey to appoint Chuck Rogalski as the new Trustee replacing William Guiette who passed away in May.

Roll call vote: Hileman; Yes, Humphrey; Yes; Farrell; Yes; McClain; Yes. Motion carried.

Clerk McClain swore Chuck Rogalski into office.

Accept or amend previous month's minutes: Minutes for the Regular Monthly Board meeting of 5/19/26 provided to the Board in advance and made available to the Public. **Motion by Farrell; supported by Humphrey to approve the 5/19/26 meeting minutes; motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$155,776.87

Revenue: \$22,309.90

Expenditure: \$15,972.22

Ending Balance: \$162,114.55

No CDs are coming up for maturity at this time.

Fire fund: Previous Balance: \$28,177.58

Interest: \$29.92

Current balance: \$28,207.50

Motion by Farrell; supported by Hileman to approve the Treasurer's report as given; motion carried. Clerk and Treasurer's balances matched.

Reports by County Officials: Clare County Commissioner, Jack Kleinhardt

- Everything seems to be pretty quiet yet for the commissioners. The next commissioner's meeting will be on Wednesday, June 17.
- County is in good shape financially.
- The proposed GFL Transfer Station that was proposed in Hayes Township will not be happening. Several residents were opposed to the Transfer Station.
- Kleinhardt will be going to the MAC meeting in Roscommon at the end of June.

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

- New building is coming along well. Parking lot and driveway going into the new building have been blacktopped. Plan to be moved into new building in late July or early August. A public open house will be announced soon.
- Hamilton Township and Hayes Township had their ribbon cutting ceremonies for their new parks that were funded by SPARK grants. Both had good turnouts.
- Lansing still does not have a budget in place
- MDOT is paving 3 miles of Beaverton Rd from Gladwin County to Clare County
- A guest asked about the curve on Timberlane and County Farm Road. Traffic is traveling to fast there and the road is horrible. Unfortunately, this area of Timberlane is not part of Hatton Township. The part of the road in question is part of Hayes Township.

Planning and Zoning Administration and Blight: Zoning and Blight Administrator, Terry Acton
Terry Acton was not present.

Board did find Ordinances that were approved by the Board in February 2022 that Terry Acton was seeking at May meeting. A copy of those ordinances were given to Terry.

Cemetery and Hall Report: Jeff Smith:

On June 10, 2026, Jeff Smith notified the Board that his health no longer allows him to continue serving as Sexton and performing maintenance work for Hatton Cemetery. He stated that his son, Shaun Smith, who has served as Deputy Sexton for the past year, is interested in taking over. Notice seeking interested applicants for the Sexton position was posted on the Township website and on the township hall door from June 11 until shortly before the June 16 meeting. No responses were received.

Jeff has many years of experience and extensive knowledge of the township cemetery. He has trained Shaun for several years to serve as Sexton. The Sexton contract is \$650 per year and runs from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. All fees collected from funeral homes and families for burials and headstone settings are paid to the Sexton.

Motion by Farrell, supported by Rogalski, to appoint Shaun Smith as Sexton and Jeff Smith as Deputy Sexton, effective immediately.

Roll call vote: Hileman; Yes; Humphrey; Yes, Farrell; Yes, Rogalski; Yes, McClain; Yes; motion carried

Other Officials: None present

Motion to pay the bills- \$27,859.27.

Motion by Farrell; supported by Rogalski to approve the June bills; motion carried.

Budget Adjustments:

101-101-850 Township Board Communications Budgeted \$0, current balance (-\$600.00)
 101-101-958 Township Board Membership and Dues Budgeted \$750, current balance (-\$485.08)
 101-253-730 Treasurer Postage budgeted \$1,000.00, current balance (-\$160.00)
 101-257-819 Assessor Contract budgeted \$9,000.00, current balance (-\$625.00)
 101-266-827 Attorney Atty fees/Zoning budgeted \$600.00, current balance (-\$160.00)
 101-266-829 Attorney Atty fees/Other budgeted \$1,500.00, current balance (-\$380.00)
 101-446-818 Highways & Streets Contract Services budgeted \$125,000.00, current balance (-\$986.38)

Motion by Farrell; supported by Rogalski to approve the budget adjustments as given; motion carried.

Correspondence: Sheriff and Fire Department reports for May 2026 were received; May 26 bills totaling \$15,972.22 have been mailed; approved 2026-27 Equalization Contract mailed to Treasurer's office; absentee ballot applications mailed to those who were on the perm application list.

Training or Other Meetings attended by Board Members:

McClain-Monthly County Clerk's meeting on 5/28/26

McClain-Bureau of Elections required 2026 Election Cycle Training 5/20/2026

Old Business:

- The Board reviewed the Data Center Moratorium and decided to include solar and/or wind farms. Resolution 2026-1, a moratorium on data centers and solar and/or wind farms, was approved on a motion by Farrell, supported by Rogalski. The moratorium remains in effect for up to one year of approval, while these uses are added to the current zoning ordinances. Roll call vote: Hileman, yes; Farrell, yes; Rogalski, yes; Humphrey, yes; McClain, yes. Motion carried. A copy of the moratorium will be posted on the township website and published in the Clare County Review within 30 days.
- Clerk McClain applied for the EGLE Scrap Tire Grant in March 2026, and no grant winners have been announced yet.
- The Board found Nuisance and Blight Codes that were put into effect in 2022 and gave a copy of those to the Blight Officer.
- Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors were installed in May by the Harrison Fire Department free of charge. Clerk McClain ordered 2 new fire extinguishers for the hall. The total cost was \$116.77. Each extinguisher has a metal nozzle and ABC Dry Chemical. New extinguishers have been mounted by each entrance/exit door. The previous fire extinguishers were from 2015. Clerk McClain also ordered new AED pads from Biomedical, which were free of charge.

New Business:

Motion by Farrell, supported by Rogalski, to approve the 2026–2027 budget in the amount of \$483,875.00. The 2025–2026 budget was set at \$446,700.00, with actual spending totaling \$367,409.91. **Roll call vote: Hileman; Yes, Farrell; Yes, Rogalski; Yes, Humphrey; Yes, McClain; Yes. Motion carried. Board signed the 2026-27 budget.**

- The 2026–2027 Sexton Contract was addressed during the Sexton Report. **Shaun Smith, Jeff Smith, Supervisor Hileman, and Clerk McClain signed the contract.**
- **Motion by Humphrey, supported by McClain,** to award the cemetery and hall mowing contract to Conley's Power Washing. Conley's has already been providing mowing services during Jeff Smith's health issues and has proven dependable and thorough. The cost is \$70 per mowing at the hall, biweekly or as needed, and \$100 per mowing bi-weekly at the cemetery, including trimming. Spring and fall cleanup at the cemetery will be \$650, and spring cleanup only at the hall will be \$350. **Roll call vote: Hileman; Yes, Farrell; Yes, Rogalski; Yes, Humphrey; Yes, McClain; Yes. Motion carried.** McClain will email the contract to Jamie Conley for signature.
- The Board discussed hiring a hall maintenance person. Shaun Smith stated he is willing to serve temporarily until a permanent replacement is found. The position typically requires limited monthly work and pays \$16 per hour. **Motion by Farrell, supported by Rogalski,** to hire Shaun

Smith temporarily as hall maintenance person until another person is hired. **Roll call vote:**

Hileman; Yes, Farrell; Yes, Humphrey; Yes, Rogalski; Yes, McClain; Yes. Motion carried.

- Clerk McClain received a quote for power washing the vinyl fencing at the Hatton Township Cemetery. The bid came in at around \$450. It was decided by the board not to pursue having the fencing power washed at this time. One of the board members will clean it with a bucket of water, soft soap and a scrub brush.
- Hatton Township's July Board of Review will meet on July 21 at 1:00 p.m. to address errors and omissions. Notice about the meeting will be published in the Clare County Review and posted on the township website and township hall door.

Public Comment:

- Rick Griffith, representing MSU Extension Office announced the proposed renewal to sustain 4-H Programs that would be on August 4, 2026, ballot. This affects 1,071 members and would cost each taxpayer \$8.40 per year.
- David Hutchinson, from Clare County Historical Society made the following announcement: The Clare County Historical Society announced its **Share Your History Contest**, which will award **\$250 in total cash prizes** to celebrate the USA's 250th anniversary and the Dover School's 150th anniversary, with the top prize set at **\$150**. Additional prizes include **\$75 for second place** and **\$25 for third**, and winning entries will be recognized and displayed during **Old Fashion Day on September 26, 2026**. The contest is open to **Clare County residents of all ages**, with one entry allowed per person, and submissions must present truthful local history through written stories, photographs with detailed captions, or publicly accessible digital media. All entries must be submitted **in person at the CCHS Museum by 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2026**, with digital entries requiring an online link provided on the entry form

Adjournment of Meeting:

- Motion by Farrell supported by McClain to adjourn meeting at 9:12 pm; motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- **Saturday, July 11, 2026, -10:00-11:30 am Clare County Food Distribution at Clare County Fairgrounds**
- **Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 1:00 pm; public accuracy test for August 4, 2026, election**
- **July Board of Review, July 21, 2026 at 1:00 pm**
- **Regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 7:30 pm**

Prepared: 6/16/2026 – ~~Not approved: Clerk Linda McClain~~

Approved unanimously by Township Board on 7/21/26