

HATTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

7/21/2026 – MINUTES

Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance,

Board Members Roll Call, Hileman; Y; Farrell; Y; Rogalski; Y; Humphrey; Y; McClain; Y, Let the record show that all board members were present. 5 guests were in attendance

Public Comment on Agenda: No public comments on agenda

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

Accept or amend previous month's minutes: Minutes for the Regular Monthly Board meeting of 6/16/26 provided to the Board in advance and made available to the Public. **Motion by Farrell; supported by Rogalski to approve the 6/16/26 meeting minutes; motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: \$162,114.55

Revenue: \$21,572.55

Expenditure: \$27,859.27

Ending Balance: \$155,827.83

No CDs are coming up for maturity at this time.

Fire fund: Previous Balance: \$28,207.50

Interest: \$28.99

Current balance: \$28,236.49

Motion by Farrell; supported by Rogalski 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**
Jack Kleinhardt was not present.

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

- Lansing passed the budget in early July, and it was Simpson's understanding that the new budget was sign 7/21/26.
- E-Central Council meeting which is a quarterly meeting. Still have not received money promised from 2025.
- Maybe get first check October or November
- The gas tax money is down more than promised.
- Marijuana tax money can't be spent yet because of litigation.
- Road work projects are going really well.
- Waiting on MISS DIG to get going on the west Adams Rd project that Hatton/Grant are paying for improvements.
- New CCRC building is just about done. Just finishing the little minor projects. Public open house planned for late August or early September.
- 32 percent increase in health insurance.

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

- Have a blight case hearing against Kevin Brandt that resides on Timberlane Rd. Case is scheduled for August 18 and 26; a 5th wheel camper has been moved in, and someone has been living there for several weeks now.
- Charles Stone on Timberlane was given a ticket for blight. Home is uninhabitable, has no sewer, running water, leaky roof; unlicensed cars in the yard.
- The gentleman at the end of Timberlane is moving more unlicensed cars in again. This issue was resolved a couple of years ago, but residents are starting to collect unlicensed cars again.
- We can't go out after all of the blight at once because it is so costly.

Cemetery and Hall Report: Shaun Smith

- Had a full burial at the cemetery last week
- Shaun will scrub the vinyl fencing
- New vinyl/plastic lettering for the cemetery sign.

Other Officials:

- Dick Kleinhardt is running for Road Commissioner on the August ballot
- Dick runs along with his family OK Farms, which was named a centennial farm in 2014
- Wants to apply some commonsense solution for issues on gravel roads
- Try to train the new employees in how to run the big equipment by using experienced workers to train them.
- Had to grade his own road to get his farm equipment out.
- Is a team player, but likes to win. Likes to give credit where credit is due.

Motion to pay the bills- \$33,699.82

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

Budget Adjustments:

No budget adjustments this month.

Correspondence: Sheriff and Fire Department reports for June 2026 were received; June 26 bills totaling \$27,859.27 have been mailed; FOIA requests about hiring Sexton; 128 absentee ballots were mailed for August 4, 2026, election thus far; received notice that we were awarded \$3,000 from EGLE for scrap tire grant; L-4029 from County; mailed 2nd quarter tax reports (F491) to IRS; received signed lawn maintenance contract back from Conley's Power Wash.

Training or Other Meetings attended by Board Members:

None

Old Business:

- Hatton Township was awarded \$3,000 from the EGLE for the scrap tire grant. We have until December 2027 to use the grant and must work with GeoCycle in Coleman as they are the official company to work with. Will be looking to have event in Spring 2027. Will need of scrappers or workers to work at event. Will discuss potential dates at August meeting.

- Clerk asked if she could take laptops that have been sitting idle in the office up to the Hazardous Waste recycling at Northern Oaks on July 25, 2026.
- Short-term rentals-Our ordinances does not cover short-term rentals.

New Business:

Fire Millage Transfer: Motion by Farrell; supported by Rogalski to transfer \$27,025.11 from the General Fund at Huntington Bank to the Fire Fund at MFCU. This amount represents fire millage collected for the 2025-26 fiscal year; Motion by Farrell; supported by Rogalski; motion carried. Roll call vote: Hileman; Y, Farrell; Y, Rogalski; Y, Humphrey; Y, McClain; Y, motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment of Meeting:

- Motion by Farrell supported by Rogalski to adjourn meeting at 8:35 pm; motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Community Food Bank Drive-Saturday, August 1, 2026, 10:00 am to 11:30 am at (Month of August only) Harrison High/Middle School -Volunteers always appreciated
 - Board Meeting-August 18, 2026, at 7:30 pm.
 - 9 days Early Voting for August 4, 2026, election: July 25 thru Sunday August 2, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Clare County Building 225 W Main St, Harrison, MI 48625
 - Hatton Township Clerk will hold required 8 hours the weekend prior to election on Saturday, August 1, 2026, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the township hall.
 - August 4, 2026, Primary State Election-Hall will be open for voting 7 am to 8 pm.

Prepared: 7/21/2026 – Not approved: Clerk Linda McClain