

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date 7/1/10

CALL TO ORDER 7:30PM Guest Count 3 Resident Count 16

Present: Cooper, Duby, LaBoda, Wright Absent: Iutzi

Treasurer's report read by Duby, motion to approve by LaBoda, 2nd by Wright MC

Reading of June minutes by LaBoda, motion to approve by Duby, 2nd by Wright MC

Reading of Budget meeting minutes by LaBoda, motion to approve by Wright, 2nd by Duby MC

Reading of Bills by LaBoda, motion to approve and pay bills by Duby, 2nd by Wright MC

Public Comments; Ron Rexer – Informed us of the “Letter to The Editor” that he placed in the Cleaver regarding wearing red shirts on Fridays in honor of our active military and veterans. **Ron Kirby, President of the Springwood Lake Assoc.** - Told the group about their successful Breakfast on the Beach, their tour of the jail and upcoming events. **Al Loucks, COLA** – Informed us that about 100 people attended the fund raiser held in the park. Al also reported that more children are using the park and that a resident living on the park boarder would be willing to house sports equipment in his garage. The parking lot at the park needs to be leveled and brined, Dave Wright is working on that.

Guest: Steve Stocking, Road Commission – Gravel project on Athey went well and came in under budget. Steve passed out traffic count studies and spoke about the high cost of graveling Springwood Lake and felt it would not last long due to high traffic. **Don David, County Commissioner** – Reported that the County Administrators office will be hiring a part time (eventually full time) assistant in their office. Commission signed a three year contract with Middle Michigan to assist in community development. After the retirement of Donna Bigalow, long time county building custodian they have contracted with AWOL cleaning service out of Clare. They are doing a great job so far and hope to save the county around \$10,000. The Sheriffs Dept. has the capability of monitoring the Civil Defense Siren and Don is working to make sure they use those options. Residents in attendance reported hearing the siren test this afternoon. They are working on redesigning the parking lot at the court house to accommodate more parking. The houses the county owns close to the court house and jail need to be moved or torn down. Persons interested in those houses should contact the County Administrators Office. Discussed the ongoing project to bring high speed internet to all county residents. All libraries are hooked up but no townships. Internet service providers say there are not enough customers to come into northern Clare County. Spoke of the possibility of townships going together and sharing tech support. Reported about the County Land Bank and explained that the purpose of the bank is to return property back to the tax roll. The County Treasurer is in charge of any land acquired and there are 7 members on the Land Bank Board. Don became aware of a piece of property in Hamilton Twp. that the board might be interested in and contacted Supervisor Cooper who notified the rest of the board. Hamilton Twp. has the opportunity to purchase approximately 9-10 acres of land and the buildings located at 3042 N. Rodgers and this will be discussed during the new business portion of the meeting. **Mark Eidelson, LANDPLAN PLANNING & ZONING SERVICES** – Spoke to the group about his 20 years in the business of helping rural communities with their Master Plans and Ordinances.

Committee Reports: Dave Cooper read a written report from Bryan Doyle, Township Rep. for the Dodge Lake Improvement Board. Diane Zepke, Township Rep. for Springwood Lake Improvement Board reported

that the lake treatments have been very successful and the lakes are in great shape. Dave Cooper reported that 4 more blight cases have been resolved, there are 8 open cases and 1 new referral.

Planning Commission: Bob Bess, reported that work continues and we could benefit from the help of a professional during the process of redoing the Master Plan and Ordinances.

Old Business; State Tax Commission 14 pt Audit check went well and the property assessment conversion is done. Siren test was successful. Township park maintenance continues. We will wait to post bids for the cemetery project until we have checked with the health dept.

New Business: The Township is currently looking to fill the position of a part time Zoning Administrator. Propane bids are in and we will continue with Heintz Propane. Discussed the opportunity the township has to purchase the foreclosed acreage and buildings located at 3042 N. Rodgers for approximately \$1,700. Opened this topic to public comment, residents expressed it would be foolish not to purchase this property. Motion to adopt a resolution to purchase the property, subject to legal counsel by Duby, 2nd by LaBoda, roll call vote – all voted yes. MC Resolution # 2010-07-01-1

Reminders:

- Dodge Private Roads meeting July 17, 10AM @ Church
- Fall Leaf Pickup Dates – 10/19, 10/26, 11/02, 11/09
- Board of Review July 20th 9AM – 12PM
- Visit hamiltontwp.us for info.

Motion to adjourn by LaBoda 2nd by Wright, MC Adjourned at 10:12PM

Approved on _____
