

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date 5/4/17

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALEGANCE 6:30PM Guest Count 1 Resident Count 12

Present: Conway, Duby, Iutzi, LaBoda, Wright

Conway moved to approve the agenda, supported by LaBoda, all in favor. **MC**

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

Reading of April minutes by LaBoda, motion to approve by Conway 2nd by Duby **MC**

Invoices read by LaBoda motion to approve and pay bills by Duby, 2nd by Iutzi **MC**

Guest: Sandy Bristol, County Commissioner gave updates on county business including; the board accepted Equalization Department recommendation for a 1.3% increase in property taxes. Clare County Animal Control reported that adoptions are up and euthanasia is down. There was a discussion debating if Animal Control Officers should carry guns when making calls. Commissioners officially voted out the county Planning and Zoning Board that has been inactive for three years. Approved hiring for the Treasurer's office. They are looking into purchasing a safe for the Clerk's office. Lori Ware is working on a grant for a chair that would allow disabled persons access to the water at Wilson State Park. Conway asked why they are not contacting the state DNR about available funding and Ron Rexer asked about how it would be regulated and liability. Probate Court Administrator Darrelll Schlese announced his retirement and Karen Moore will be the chief administrator with a deputy administrator in both Clare and Gladwin County. Bristol stated she learned a great deal at a Road Commission meeting and that they complimented Hamilton Township for their work on maintaining good roads. Sandy also stated that she hopes to attend a Senior Awareness Rally being held at the Capital in Lansing.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: Linda Barkell, Planning Commission Secretary stated they met on April 11th and the next meeting will be May 9th. They have learned that townships and cities may have the option to approve or disapprove Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. Larger townships are imposing high fees for this and can inspect and regulate. They subject of chickens for family egg production has been tabled. There will be a Rummage and Craft Sale held at the hall on Saturday May 27th with all proceeds going to the park project.

Mark Janeczko, Zoning & Blight Enforcement issued 5 permits in the last month. He has issued two blight tickets and sent out several letters. Mark met with the Springwood Lake Property Owners and plans to meet with the Birch Hills Association this Saturday. Mark also talked about the Kirtland's Warbler Weekend in Roscommon being held on June 2nd – 3rd.

New Business: Springwood Lake Improvement Board Chair Paul Kiselica recommended Kim Bobzien be appointed to their board. Conway moved to approve the appointment, supported by LaBoda, all in favor. **MC** Mike Conway talked about the Red Cross and stated that the 911 Advisory Board is going great and the director is doing an excellent job with no funding increase in site. LaBoda asked for approval to seek out a new website provider, Conway moved for LaBoda to proceed with a new website design and company not to exceed \$2000,

supported by DUBY, all in favor. **MC** Conway also stated that the Red Cross would like us to consider using the Township Hall for an emergency shelter.

Old Business: Siren sounded on schedule. The Road Commission informed Dave Wright that gravel prices have gone up and that the township would need to allocate \$23,000 instead of the original \$20,000 in matching funds to complete the Athey Road project as originally planned. Discussion followed with board members and several residents reluctant to approve the extra \$3,000.

Brining will be done on May 10th.

First budget meeting for 2017 - 2018 will be held on May 24th at 6:30pm

Spring/Fall leaf pick up dates: May 16th & 23rd June 6th & 13th Oct 24th & 31st November 7th & 14th

Iutzi moved to adjourn at 8:05, supported by Conway, all in favor. **MC**