

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date 1/5/17

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALEGANCE 6:30PM Guest Count 3 Resident Count 14

Present: Conway, Duby, Iutzi, LaBoda, Wright

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

Treasurer's report read by Duby, motion to approve by LaBoda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Conway **MC**

Reading of December minutes by LaBoda, motion to approve by Iutzi 2<sup>nd</sup> by Conway **MC**

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

**Guest: Sandy Bristol, County Commissioner** gave updates on county business including; the county needs \$400,000 out of the fund balance to balance the budget, new election equipment will cost the township \$2,000 - \$3,000 and the state will cover remaining cost. The County Administrator has moved accounts payable to that office. Mark Loomis will be the new Web Service Manager for the County. Hayes Township Supervisor, Terry Acton told the commissioners that he believes housing "rental prisoners" is causing more crime due to their families moving to the area. Sandy listened to rebuttal from the Sheriffs Department and believes Acton's accusations are unfounded. Sandy attended the County Road Commission's Region 7C Task Force Meeting regarding the use of federal money for roads. Bristol ask the board and residents if they felt the county building needed more or less security. Consensus of the group appeared to be a little more without going overboard. **Lori Martin, newly elected County Clerk** thanked residents for support and discussed training and new election equipment. **Ken Lind, from Lind Insurance** was in attendance and wanted to make sure the board was aware that they provide free legal service on certain issues and to let their agency know if they can be of assistance.

**Public Comments:** Linda Barkell stated the siren went off. Marty Johnson stated he would like a link to the township Facebook page from the website. Marty also reminded the group of a food distribution coming up on Saturday and told us he is in charge of an Out House Race as a new event for the Frost Bite Open in February. Ron Rexer mentioned the possibility of a cross country ski trail on the property.

**Committee Reports:** **Denise Goodenow, Planning Commission Chair** stated the next meeting will be January 10<sup>th</sup> along with public hearings for the Park Master Plan and the Open Burning Plan. Welcome Melanie Conway as a new trustee to the Planning Commission.

**Mark Janeczko, Zoning & Blight Enforcement** issued 1 permit for a shed on Arnold Lake Road and issued a ticket for no permit for a fence. Mark also sent out letters for trailers to be moved at Springwood Lake and is working on a burnt house issue. Starkweather avoided 93 days in jail by getting more clean up done.

**New Business:** Duby moved to appoint Vernon Weaver, Amy Wright, Tim Merritt and Marty Johnson as alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, supported by LaBoda, all in favor **MC** Iutzi will remain on as board representative.

Discussion on the need for a new drop box and the purchase of a safe for the hall. Issue will be tabled until cost research is done.

**Old Business:** Marty Johnson inquired how road improvement choices were determined. Wright explained that we use a committee to travel and evaluate roads in the township and invited him to join.

Jane Bulmer asked if new gas taxes would benefit the township and the reply was very little. Discussion that Hamilton Township has three primary roads and some of the best roads in the county. Wright moved to approve the Athey Rd project, supported by Conway, all in favor. **MC**

Dave Dryer is working on straighten out deeds on the Garrity Cemetery before the township agrees to take over the upkeep and the family has agreed to pay for necessary fencing.

Conway moved to adjourn at 8:12, supported by Iutzi, all in favor. **MC**