

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date 11/2/17

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALEGANCE 6:30PM Guest Count 2 Resident Count 13

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Conway **MC**

Reading of October minutes by LaBoda, motion to approve by Conway 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duby **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; Drain Commission has been working with 54 houses to be voluntarily removed to fix the Tobacco Drain on the south boarder of the county. Clare resident Al Demarest spoke about the Drain Commission needing supervision. Prosecuting Attorney, Ambrozaitis told about a therapy dog now available to children involved in the court system. Board approved the Appropriation Act for the 2018 Fiscal Year. Community Development Director, Lori Ware asked for discussion regarding a Clare County Civil Infraction Ordinance to help inforce infractions. Bristol asked for township opinion to take back to the board. Wright indicated they are about two years behind. A committee will be formed to replace the current Building Inspector who has resigned. Two new members have been appointed to the Board of Canvassers. Board approved filling a vacancy in the Clerk's office. A resolution was approved opposing the Michigan Association of Counties site selection for conferences held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island due to the high cost of attending. Approval to allocate \$1,500 for Veterans Affairs to attend a week long training. Clare County Animal Shelter was honored for being the best in the state.

**Mary Ann VanOosterhout from Voters Not Politicians** spoke about politicians being able to redesign district maps to benefit election results in a political party's favor and how the group is working to prohibit that.

**Public Comments: Barbara Lambdin** asked about having a speaker come in for fire safety awareness since wood burning season is upon us.

**Committee Reports: Denise Goodenow, Planning Commission Chair** stated they met on October 10 and the next meeting will be December 12. They will be working on ordinances for windmills and solar farms.

**Mark Janeczko, Zoning & Blight Enforcement** issued 7 permits in the last month and had several zoning violations. He has numerous blight complaints and has been writing letters and issuing tickets when needed. Mark explained that he prioritizes complaints and deals with the most severe first.

**New Business:** Request from the Drain Commission to ask for a yearly Administrative Fee of \$50 for the Dodge Lake and Springwood Lake associations. Duby moved to implement, supported by Conway, all in favor **MC** Discussed Road Commission matching fund changes for 2018, concern of expense for township having to pay for tree cutting, culverts, etc. More information will be obtained.

**Old Business:** Scrap Tire Grant Application has been sent in and a tentative date is August 11, 2018. Heating system for the north end of the building is in progress, waiting for gas line to be run. Siren sounded.

Conway moved to adjourn at 7:53 supported by Iutzi, all in favor. **MC**

Fall leaf pick up dates: November 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>