

APPROVED

Hamlin Township Board Meeting Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 6pm

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge to the flag was given.

Roll call: Taber present, Bombrys present, Perkins present, King present, Gleeson absent and excused, Collins absent and excused.

Approval of Agenda: Perkins moved to approve, second by Taber, motion carried.

Eaton County Report: Commissioner Holmes reported that the Information Technology Committee talked about rebranding the Eaton County logo and updating of the county website; Public safety has an open position for regional planner; Information technology has an open position for a communication director and regional planner, the county has an open position for emergency management.

Sheriff Lorenz reported on the county 911 calls.

Commissioner Rogers reported on recycling, Jackson county has a trailer they utilized to pick up recycling materials and may be an option for Hamlin Township; The county has applied for a grant for the recycling trailer. Eaton Rapids City has applied for a recycling grant.

Approval of minutes for Board meeting on 4/12/23: Perkins moved to approve the 4/12/23 meeting minutes, second by Taber, motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Perkins moved to approve bills for GF of \$16,292.77, Cemetery bills for \$4,523.12 and Fire bills \$18,049.31, second by Taber, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Budget Amendments: none

Reports and communications from Board members: Collins/King - Elections Prop-2 conversations continue. Working on conducting 9 days of early voting with possibly 4 others precincts, which would save a lot of money in equipment, workers, etc. More to come, another meeting on May 23, where we can get more definitive answers and we can go into more detail then.

Assessor report: none

Cemetery report: King reported that the work is continuing on digitizing the cemetery. Making some progress in the old section, and Bombrys working on getting foundations corrected in the old and new section, along with getting a large section, in the new section, corrected.

Foundations will be put in specific places, with the section stamped on the concrete, to ensure accurate burials in the right locations. Several foundations have already been put in and the work will continue. One burial of cremains on 5/10/23; Tree trimming quote has been obtained for \$3200 from Top Notch Tree Care. Perkins moved to approve the tree trimming from Top Notch Tree Care, second by Taber, motion carried.

Fire Chief's report: Chief Blackmer reported last month, 12 fire emergencies, 6 med assists, 1 structure fire, 1 mutual aid, 2 Brush fires, 1 commercial structure fire, 1 miscellaneous Fire run and 104 burning permits issued.

The generator and SCBA compressors have been looked at to ensure working order. Quote was obtained for a new Sensor in the radiator, further options are being explored. MFR vehicle will be inspected by the State of Michigan; Memorial Day parade would like an honor guard,

Blackmer is trying to find someone to fill this. Bombrys would like the new MFR vehicle in the parade.

Facilities report: none

Parks Board report: Taber discussed the Installation of a pet waste doggie depot to encourage poop cleanup. A quote was obtained for \$818.55 from Poly Products; Taber moved to approve the quote from Poly Products, second by Perkins, motion carried.

Two Quotes for a new sign for the park were obtained, one from Postema signs for \$5,380, the other quote was from Fast Signs for \$1,995 aluminum/composite; Taber expressed, due to the better quality of the sign, she favors Postema. Taber moved to approve purchase from ARPA Funds for the sign from Postema, second by Perkins, motion carried.

Bombrys reported that Smithville park has two large limbs that need to come down. Top Notch Tree Care provided a quote of \$1620. Perkins moved to support Top Notch Tree quoted at \$1620, second by Taber, motion carried.

Taber reported that they are working on creating colored park map signs to be applied to a park sign. Taber moved to approve Shelly Allard to install the park maps for \$100, second by Perkins, motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Report: Perkins reported the Zoning Board of Appeals has a meeting on May 17th for a variance on building an attached garage. Perkins reported that conversations were had with the new owners of what was previously Griffith Church.

Public Comments, limited to 3 minutes: Barber reported The township roads had dust control completed. Dirt roads may not be maintained as often due to lack of gravel. Reaching out for Matching funds for one mile.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bombrys discussed the two sign quotes, from Fast Signs and Postema, obtained for a new Township sign. Postema quote is \$28,335, Fast signs quote is \$26,795; Bombrys supports getting the sign from Postema. Blackmer asked if the fire station would be able to post information on the sign as well, which Bombrys confirmed the fire department would but a township policy will be put in place for what messages can be displayed on the sign. Taber moved to approve the Postema sign for \$28,335 from ARPA Funds, seconded by Perkins, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-6 Approving Draft Master Plan- Motion for adoption of this resolution by Perkins, seconded by Taber. Roll call vote: Perkins yes, Taber yes, Bombrys yes, Gleeson and Collins absent and excused. Resolution declared adopted.

Bombrys discussed matching funds on road projects. Perkins moved to approve Bombrys to sign the contract with the county commission for matching funds on road projects in 2023, second by Taber, motion carried.

Bombrys read a letter of resignation from Taber, effective after the next board meeting. Letter was accepted.

Public Comments Limited to 3 minutes: Rogers discussed that different townships are contacting the Parks commission for funds from the newly passed mileage. Bombrys will look into this.

Adjourn: 7:04 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate King', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kate King
Hamlin Township Deputy Clerk