

Approved

**Hamlin Township Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 6:00pm**

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge to the flag was given.

Roll call: Reincke present, Bombrys present, Perkins present, Gleeson present, King present.

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

Eaton County Report: Commissioner Rogers reported the staff changes at Eaton County, a new human resource director, Ben Dawson, Melissa Ballard is now finance director, and a communications director Logan Bailey. Rogers discussed a Dyer Kiln that was in the Eaton county News Letter, set for restoration as a historical landmark. There was a large tree that came down at Lincoln Brick Park, County Commissioner Brian Droscha is in the hospital. Bombrys expressed that he would like Rogers to advocate that part of the county parks mileage to automatically come back to the townships without having to apply for a parks grant.

Officer Joe Brown discussed the Eaton County 911 report. Bombrys discussed with officer Brown what the rules are regarding ATVs on the road. Blackmer asked officer Brown for clarification regarding a witness that had left the scene of an accident.

Approval of minutes for Board meeting on 9/13/23: Perkins moved to approve the 9/13/23 board meeting minutes, second by Reincke, motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Perkins moved to approve bills for GF of \$45,676.34, second by Gleeson. Perkins moved to approve Fire bills for \$10,953.20, King second by . Perkins moved to approve Cemetery bills for \$2,159.72, second by Reincke, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Budget Amendments: none

Reports and communications from Board members: King reported that the Election Commission meeting was held today at 5:30, election inspector meeting will be held on Nov 1, 2023 at 6pm followed by the Public Accuracy testing at 7pm for the Special Election on November 7, 2023.

Perkins attended an LDF meeting last month and the Eaton Rapids recycling committee is presenting and looking for more grants. Bombrys reported the next COG is on Oct 19, 2023 at Eaton Rapids Township at 7pm.

Assessor report: none

Cemetery report: King reported no burials or lot sales for the month of Sept. However, there was a lot sale in Aug that was missed on being reported at the last board meeting. King discussed keeping Jacque Collins on to continue working on updating and digitizing cemetery records for a monthly pay rate of \$300. Pay to be backdated to Sept. as she has continued to work on the cemetery last month. Perkins moved to approve paying Jacque Collins \$300 a month to continue updating and digitizing cemetery records, second by Reincke, motion carried.

Bombrys reported that more foundations continue to be put in, 6 or 8 so far. Dan Gates, John Allen, and Scott Blackmer have been working diligently on this to help square up the lots/spaces within the cemetery.

Fire Chief's report: Blackmer reported 16 fire emergencies, 10 med assists, 1 Structure fire Large, 1 mutual Aid request, 2 personal injury crashes, 1 residential fire alarm, 1 Complaint fire investigation, and 78 burning permits. Fire prevention open house is Oct. 14 11:00 am to 2:00pm. Sean Langford was able to get the life flight helicopter to come for the open house. Blackmer discussed the food and drinks that will be available at the open house.

MFR vehicle (1314) is now in service and has done 4 runs so far. The previous 1314 Vehicle is now 1311.

Dan LaLone has gotten the new Fire department website up, Hamlinfirerescue.com, Burn permits can be issued using the website. Applications are also available on the website. Blackmer expressed his appreciation for Dan LaLone and Sean Langford for their commitment, motivation, and hard work for the fire department.

Blackmer discussed issues with some fire fighters using the washer and dryer for personal use. The board discussed and offered recommendations to Chief Blackmer.

Facilities report: Bombrys reported that a lot of work has been done around the township. The building was power washed, trenches were done for water and electrical to the new pole building and park, Water is hooked up but the electrical is not yet hooked up, the cameras are up at the park and Pole building. Unfortunately, the weather has prevented some areas from being cleaned up before the Fire Prevention open house, but these areas have been blocked off.

Parks Board report: Bombrys reported that he has gotten prices for an ADA compliant porta potty, \$3,139.34 with shipping, but could be less if the manufacturer will allow us to pick it up. He will continue to look into this. Picnic tables and trash barrels have been ordered for the park. The park parking lot is being prepped for handicap parking.

Planning and Zoning Report: Perkins reported last week's Planning commission meeting was cancelled because there was no quorum. The CUP that was slated for that meeting has been changed to an application for a zoning compliance permit.

Commissioner Rogers reported that at the Public works and planning meeting they voted to oppose the state taking control away from the local governance regarding wind and solar energy.

Public Comments, limited to 3 minutes: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Township Recycling: Bombrys has had more discussion with Granger regarding the containers for the recycling and are slated to arrive November 1st.

Ambulance Service Contract: Bombrys presented and discussed the agreement for ambulance services with Eaton Area Emergency Medical Services, a department of Sparrow Eaton Hospital. Bombrys discussed some of the changes to the contract that Hamlin requested. The contract would be Effective January 2024 for a term of 5 years.

Perkins motioned to give Bombrys approval to sign the contract for ambulance services with Eaton Area Emergency Medical Services, seconded by Gleeson, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Playground Equipment for Hamlin Park: Bombrys discussed the parks meeting that took place last Monday and the different playground equipment quotes that were looked at and discussed. There was a strong front runner from all the options presented to the Parks committee and members of the township for the playground equipment. GameTime Sinclair Recreation was the top choice, which Bombrys has presented to the board for approval. Total cost of the equipment would be \$124,854.84

King moved to approve the contract with Sinclair Recreation, not to exceed \$124,854.84, and give the supervisor the authority to sign the contract and cut any necessary checks to finalize the contract, seconded by Perkins, motion carried.

Teen Center: Bombrys discussed making the townships yearly contribution/pledge to the teen center in the amount of \$1,500. Perkins moved to approve the teen center contribution/pledge, seconded by Reincke, motion carried.

Public Comments Limited to 3 minutes: none

Adjourn: 7:08 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katherine King', written in a cursive style.

Katherine King, Clerk
Hamlin Township

