

Approved

**Hamlin Township Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6pm**

**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, Collins absent and excused, King present (taking minutes).

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

**Eaton County Report:** Commissioner Rogers reported some staff changes at Eaton County, a new human resource director, Ben Dawson, Melissa Ballard is now finance director, and a communications director Logan Bailey, Claudine Williams is now community development director. Budget for this coming year is \$92,042,141

Commissioner Holmes reported that the Siren Shelter was given \$500,000; the Sheriff's department was given \$900,000 for a mobile command unit.

**Approval of minutes for Board meeting on 8/9/23:** Perkins moved to approve the 8/9/23 board meeting minutes, second by Gleeson, motion carried.

**Approval of Bills:** Perkins will transfer \$10,000 to the general fund. Perkins to approve bills for GF of \$34,275.86, second by Reincke. Perkins moved to approve Fire bills for \$5,615.91, second by Reincke. Gleeson moved to approve Cemetery bills for \$5,937.19, second by Reincke, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report/Budget Amendments:** none

**Reports and communications from Board members:** Perkins attended LDFA meeting last month along with a recycling meeting. The recycling grant Eaton Rapids applied for was denied. They have proposed a New Recycling Building size at 144x80x16 with an estimated cost of \$480,500.00

**Assessor report:** none

**Cemetery report:** King reported no burials or lot sales. Bombrys reported that foundations are continuing to be put in, 3 have been completed, and there are 3 more to go.

**Fire Chief's report:** Blackmer reported 25 fire emergencies, 12 med assists, 6 wires down, 3 personal injury crashes, 1 miscellaneous fire run and 69 burning permits.

Blackmer reported that the company that did the Fire Hose testing failed the hose.

Blackmer investigated possible reasons for failure and found none, tested the hose and found it to be fine and will be looking for a new company to do testing. Ladder testing was also completed and passed. Fire prevention open house is Oct. 14 11:00 am to 2:00pm. Eaton Rapids Medical will be there to administer health screenings. This will be put on the new markie sign in front of the township to help awareness.

**Facilities report:** Bombrys reported that the new pole building has been completed. Bombrys would like to install 100 amp service in order to meet any unseen future needs. Perkins Moved to approve the increase in cost of \$7,000 100 amp service, Supported by Reinke. Motion carried

**Parks Board report:** Bombrys discussed the options for playground equipment. The grant paperwork has not yet been finalized.

King discussed that people from the Little's soccer teams were driving on the grass. Perkins will send an email to the coordinator to help correct this problem.

**Planning and Zoning Report:** Perkins reported 6 zoning referrals, last week at the Planning committee meeting they had a CUP application and there will be another CUP application next month.

**Public Comments, limited to 3 minutes:** Blackmer commented that he was grateful that all his staff were safe after working through the large storm a week and a half ago.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Township Recycling:** work in progress

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Conditional use Permit, 2023-CUP-01;** Reference County CU-13-95

This is for Wildside Rehabilitation to construct a new pole building for storage only and an eagle enclosure. The planning commission recommends the approval of the CUP, maintaining all previous conditions from the county. Bombrys asked the board to include in the conditions of the CUP that the new pole building be used for storage only..

Perkins moved to approve 2023-CUP-01; Reference County CU-13-95, with all prior conditions and the condition that the new pole building be used for storage only, Supported by Gleeson. Motion carried.

**Township clerk appointment:** Since the resignation of Jacque Collins as clerk, Bombrys recommended to the board that Katherine King be nominated to fill the appointment of clerk till the next election in 2024.

Gleeson moved to approve that Katherine King be nominated to fill the appointment of the Clerk's office, starting September 20th, till the next election in 2024. Seconded by Perkins. Motion carried. Katherine King took the oath of office.

King informed the board that she will be extending the offer of Deputy Clerk to Brooke Valle. Perkins moved to approve keeping the pay of the deputy clerk at \$17.00/ hr, Supported by Reinke. Motion carried

**Resolution 2023-11 Master Plan Adoption:** The planning commission recommended that the board adopt the Master Plan Resolution 2023-11. Perkins moved to approve Resolution 2023-11 Master Plan, seconded by Reincke. Roll call vote: Reincke, yes; Bombrys, yes; Perkins, yes; Gleeson, yes; Collins absent and excused. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2023-12 Interim Zoning Ordinance 2 years:** Perkins moved to approve Resolution 2023-12 Interim Zoning Ordinance 2 years, seconded by Reincke. Roll call vote:, Bombrys yes; Reincke, yes; Perkins, yes; Gleeson, yes; Collins absent and excused. Motion carried.

Perkins commented that the planning commission continues to review the Interim Zoning Ordinance.

**Ambulance Service Contract:** Bombrys discussed the agreement for ambulance services provided by Sparrow/ Eaton (Eaton Area Ambulance service) and reported that the new service contract cost would increase to \$34,000 a year, the contract has a clause for a 5% increase each year. The next ambulance meeting is in October. Bombrys would like the board to review this contract and consider any changes that the board would like to address.

**Public Comments Limited to 3 minutes:** Tabor thanked everyone for her time as a trustee and how wonderful it was being a part of the board.

**Adjourn:** 7:21 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine King". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Katherine" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "King".

Katherine King  
Hamlin Township Deputy Clerk

