

**Hamlin Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 9, 2011**

**approved**

Supervisor Ballard called the regular meeting of the Hamlin Township Board to order, at 6:00pm, in the Hamlin Township conference room. Pledge to the flag was given.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Approved as printed.

**SHERIFF REPORT:** County Commissioner Whittum reported that no run report was available. He proceeded to present his report. The Public Safety Committee is working on a new animal ordinance that is more specific. The Way and Means Committee is projecting a \$1.4 million/year deficit over the next three years. The MSU Extension office is eliminating one secretary position.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Roll Call
- July 12, 2011 Minutes
- Treasurers Report/Budget Amendments- placed on file for audit

Moved by Perkins, second by Mergener, PASSED, to approve the consent agenda without the bills.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Moved by Perkins, second by Bombrys, PASSED, to approve the bills to the general fund for \$17,091.90 and the cemetery for \$1,932.44.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Mergener:** Attended Fire Board meeting. Presented information on an incident in Brookfield Township. There was no motion.

**Perkins:** No report.

**Bombrys:** Attended MTA Conference. Reported that the State is looking at one tax collection in the summer. Also, reported on cooperative services/Uni-government trial in Kent County. MTA is not for this because townships are not fairly represented.

**Boomer:** Presented cemetery report: 2 burial(s) and 0 lot sale(s).

**Ballard:** Presented County correspondences. Attended Eaton County Planning commission meeting where the CUP for the building addition was discussed. It was approved. Reported that the USDA Grant for the Wilson Road Bridge is no longer an option. The average household income in the township is too high to qualify. The Road Commission said there would be no funds for a concrete culvert. If the Road Commission has the funds the project (a steel culvert) would likely not be completed until 2012 or 2013. The Road Commission won't know if they can contribute funds until after the 2011-2012 snow removal season.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** No report.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Hendrickson reported 6 fire responses and 3 EMS responses. Pump testing is underway. Spartan offered a DOT test on the large apparatus. This is not a benefit to the township. Public Information Officer class will be held August 27, 2011 from 9:00am to 4pm. at the township hall. Reported on an incident that occurred in which no second ambulance was toned. The transfer switch for the generator must be a 400 amp not a 200 amp. The 200 amp switch can be returned. A local electrician can supply a 400 amp switch for \$1,600.00. The cost is \$1,829.00 from Generators Direct. Moved by Bombrys, second by Mergener, PASSED, to approve up to \$2,000.00 for a 400 amp transfer switch and to return the 200 amp switch to Generators Direct. The underground tank has been filled with pea stone. It required about 54 yards to fill it. The \$500.00 approved for pea stone will not cover the entire cost.

**BUILDING COMM. REPORT:** Bombrys reported that the generator has arrived. A generator heater will be purchased out of the fleet maintenance account. Committee has received Phase 2 vehicle layout. The bid period for the building addition has been extended to August 26, 2011 by 5:00pm. Next meeting is August 30, 2011 at 7:00pm.

**PARKS BOARD REPORT:** Bombrys reported that the land acquisition grant is moving along. Need to look into signage for Hamlin Park-hours, rules etc. May also need signage at Smithville Park

identifying area as canoe landing only-no burning. Soccer club may use the field this fall for practice. Will see how the lawn looks in the spring for games.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Generator: presented in Fire Chief's Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Charter Township Status: It was decided to check with MTA about the "no action" option" and revisit at the next regular board meeting.

Electronic Poll Book Grant Resolution: Resolution 2011-12 to accept Dept. of State Grant for an electronic polling HP 625 notebook computer and accessories. Offered by Boomer, second by Perkins. Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye": Mergener, Perkins, Bombrys, Boomer, Ballard. There were no "nays". The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Area Wide Parks Plan: COG would like to have an area wide parks plan. Tri-County Planning Commission would write a plan for around \$4,500.00 to be divided among the 3 government units (Hamlin Twp., Eaton Rapids Twp. and the City of Eaton rapids). Moved by Bombrys, second by Mergener, PASSED, to approve up to \$1,500.00 to Tri-County Regional Planning Commission for the writing of the plan and up to \$500.00 for related expenses. Funds to come from contingency.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Second application of dust control is done. Deputy Supervisor J. Reincke to cover the supervisor's office hours on August 17, 2011.

Meeting adjourned: 7:27pm.

Laura Boomer, Hamlin Township Clerk