

**Hamlin Township
Regular Board Meeting
August 14, 2013**

approved

Supervisor Bombrys called the regular meeting of the Hamlin Township Board to order at 6:00 at the Hamlin Township Hall. Pledge to the flag was given.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Approved as printed with the addition of fire billing under unfinished business.

AUDITOR REPORT: Auditor Robert Carpenter was present and summarized the audit report for fiscal year ending March 31, 2013.

EATON COUNTY REPORT:

- Commissioner Harris presented the Eaton County Report. Reported that the Crandall Lake project is moving along. The title search is complete. The environmental study is under way. The appraisal is being done first to determine if the project will move forward. The upcoming budget looks okay. No major cuts expected.
- The Eaton County Sheriff report for July 2013 was emailed. There were 54 calls in Hamlin Township.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Roll Call- Henne absent and excused
- July 10 ,2013 minutes
- Treasurers Report/Budget Amendments- placed on file for audit

Moved by Boomer, second by Gleeson, PASSED, to approve the consent agenda without the bills.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- “As a result of previous discussions between the fire department and the township board on a purchase of a new fire truck, I make a motion to ratify the decision of the township board during a telephone poll of the township board to purchase a new fire truck- this decision to purchase was made after an inspection and approval by the fire department’s apparatus committee. Due to time issues this telephone poll of the township board also authorized me to wire transfer the funds to Wells Auto Frontier in the amount of \$29,590 plus a wire transfer fee of \$25.00 for a total of \$29,615.00.” Motion by Perkins, second by Gleeson, PASSED.
- The fire truck purchase was not a budgeted item in this year’s budget, but has been an ongoing discussion. Moved by Perkins, second by Boomer, PASSED, to approve the following budget amendments:
 - General Fund 101-336-970 Capital Outlay- increase to show purchase of new fire truck chassis \$29,615
 - General Fund 101-000-699 Transfers In- Increase to show transfer from Fire Millage for new fire truck \$29,615
 - Fire Millage 206-336-999 Transfers Out- Increase to show transfer of funds to General Fund for fire truck purchase \$29,615
- Moved by Perkins, second by Boomer, PASSED, to approve the bills to the General Fund for \$39,517.93 and to the Cemetery for \$1,580.36.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Henne: Absent and excused

Boomer: Presented cemetery report: 1 burial(s) and 4 lot sale(s). Reported that the cemetery software has been installed and data is being inputted.

Perkins: No report

Gleeson: Attended Fire Board meeting. Moved by Gleeson, second by Perkins, PASSED, to approve \$620.00 to send 4 FD recruits to Roscommon for state fire testing.

Bombrys: No report

ASSESSOR REPORT: No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Hendrickson reported 2 fire responses and 16 EMS responses. Chief Hendrickson reported that all pumps have been tested and passed with repairs. Ladder testing is complete with 1313's 24' ladder failing. Unit 1313 is out of service due to failure to comply with weight standards. Ideas were discussed to bring it into compliance. The Fire Board met August 5, 2013.

FACILITIES REPORT: No report

PARKS BOARD REPORT: Bombrys reported that the Eagle Scout project is complete. He created trails and a foot bridge over the Hobart Drain. Boomer reported that the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy indicated that the Clegg property cannot be divided. The group would still like the township to consider a DNR Trust Fund grant to acquire the property.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Freeman Road Culvert: Hamlin Township, Eaton Township, Brookfield Township and Eaton Rapids Township have all signed the petition requesting drain work to repair the Freeman Road culvert. The Eaton County Drain Commissioner is working with GIS to determine the contour information. Chief Hendrickson voiced concerns about responding through Eaton Rapids City while the culvert is replaced. Deputy Drain Commissioner Porter reported that the road would be closed for 5 – 10 days for culvert replacement. Supervisor Bombrys indicated that he would let the City know when this occurs and reminded the Fire Department to follow traffic laws while responding through the City.

2011 Fire Truck: Moved by Perkins, second by Boomer, PASSED, to approve up to \$1,000.00 from the fire millage to send the chassis to Truck Collision Services to fix and certify the frame. Moved by Perkins, second by Gleeson, PASSED, to approve sending out the fire truck specs as presented to the board with needs and wants priced separately and after the frame has been certified.

25/150 Years Open House: Looking at a possible date in November.

Fire Billing: The Board discussed changes to the current fee schedule. Any changes to fire billing have to be in the form of a resolution. More research will be done and brought up at the September regular board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Prevention: Bombrys reported that he had met with the Mayor of Eaton Rapids and the Eaton Rapids Township Supervisor. They discussed joint training among the 3 fire departments and collaborating on fire prevention to the schools. D. Smith voiced concerns and asked to lead the program. Moved by Perkins, second by Gleeson, PASSED, to approve up to \$2,100.00 for fire prevention.

Fire Board/Parks Board: Bombrys read a statement regarding perceived conflict of interest with the Fire Board and Parks Board. The Township Board will move forward with drafting and adopting a nepotism policy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 pm.

Laura Boomer, Hamlin Township Clerk