

**Hamlin Township
Regular Board Meeting
December 13, 2011**

unapproved

Supervisor Ballard called the regular meeting of the Hamlin Township Board to order, at 6:04pm, at the Hamlin Township Hall. Pledge to the flag was given.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Approved as printed.

EATON COUNTY REPORT: Commissioner Whittum presented the Eaton County report. There was no Sheriff report. A drain on Kinneville Rd. has a problem. The work will hopefully get done on the current year's budget. The Road Commission will probably go from 5 to 3 members through attrition. The County is no longer offering health benefits to the Road Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Roll Call
- November 8, 2011 Minutes
- Treasurers Report/Budget Amendments- placed on file for audit

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Moved by Mergener, second by Boomer, PASSED, to approve the bills to the general fund for \$21,080.21 and the cemetery for \$260.45.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Bombrys: No report.

Mergener: Attended ambulance meeting on November 16, 2011. Announced the arrival of a new family physician. The old Felpausch building in Charlotte is being converted to a family activity and workout center. Focus of meeting was on the regionalization of EMS in the Eaton Rapids/Charlotte area. The second out ambulance would sit point at Eaton Township hall. The service would operate under a new name and HGB Hospital would handle hiring of personnel. The service may take on transports back to Eaton Rapids Medical Center. The service is purchasing 2 automatic CPR units. There will be no additional cost to the township. The township board expressed some concerns with the system. There have been problems getting reports and data from the service to make informed decisions. The narrow band radios are experiencing problems. Other concerns include medics sitting point and responding from Charlotte. Volunteers have been picking up the second out ambulance since the meeting.

Boomer: Presented cemetery report: 1 burial(s) and 1 lot sale(s). Reported that Eaton County had sent information about the possible county parks millage. The information will be available in the township office for anyone who wishes to look over it.

Ballard: Presented County correspondences. COG will meet January 16, 2012 at Hamlin Township at 7:00pm. Eaton County has voted to eliminate the code enforcement position effective December 31, 2011. Ballard to research cost of updating office computers. MTA is offering board of review training. Moved by Mergener, second by Perkins. PASSED, to approve up to \$400.00 for training and mileage to board of review training.

ASSESSOR REPORT: S. Osborn reported that she is working on the land and ecf studies. Eaton County has completed their studies. There will be decreases in the industrial, residential and agricultural classes for 2012. There will be a small increase for commercial class. The State Tax Commission has stated the CPI for 2012 taxable value will be 2.7%. Osborn visited more than 20% of the parcels this year and all data has been entered. There were 22 new building permits for 2011 through November of which 3 were new homes. Splits and combinations affected 5 parcels. After splitting and combining there is 5 new parcels.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Hendrickson reported 10 fire responses and 17 EMS responses. The building addition is almost complete- just minor work to complete. The firefighters dedicated the new bay to the members of the Fire Board. The department is adopting families again for Christmas. Contact Capt. Smith if interested in donating. The Eaton Rapids High School Girls Basketball team will perform community service by cleaning the township hall and offices on Dec. 31,

2011. Township will receive a \$300.00 reimbursement from Eaton County 911 for pager updates. The generator is up and running. It will cycle test on Thursdays in the AM.

FACILITIES REPORT: The furnace humidifier is leaking through the ceiling into the township offices. The drain was plugged and is no longer leaking. The building in addition is coming almost complete. The kitchen ranges are not working.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: Bombrys reported that the area wide parks committee met on November 21, 2011. They went over the parks survey and chapter 1 of the plan. The survey responses were supportive of a parks millage. Next meeting is December 15, 2011 at 5:30 at Eaton Rapids Township. Bombrys presented an update on the land grant. The State has determined an appraisal amount that is considerably lower than the 2 appraisals submitted and paid for by the township. The lower amount could cause the donor to back out of the land purchase. The Eaton County Parks Director is assisting with this situation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: J. Reincke and B. Botti will mark the Park trails after the close of deer hunting season. J. Reincke stressed the need for good data from the ambulance service so informed decisions can be made. Comm. Whittum commented on the Eaton County Library and penal fines situation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Election Supplies: Moved by Boomer, second by Bombrys, PASSED, to approve up to \$450.00 for election supplies.

Insurance: Ballard met with the township insurance agent. Determined it was in the best interest of the township to leave Unit 1313 coverage as it is. Discussed terrorism insurance coverage. Moved by Mergener, second by Boomer, PASSED, to decline terrorism insurance coverage.

Township Facilities Rental: The board discussed the rental information and made suggestions. The committee will meet and present in the future.

Fire Bill: A waiver request for Run#2011-143 was discussed. Ballard will send to Fire Board via e-mail and report back to the board also via e-mail. Moved by Mergener, second by Perkins, PASSED, to waive Fire Run#2011-143 if the Fire Board recommends to waive.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: J. Reincke thanked Chief Hendrickson for his contribution to the Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned: 7:52pm.

Laura Boomer, Hamlin Township Clerk