

**Hamlin Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 8, 2011**

**unapproved**

Supervisor Ballard called the regular meeting of the Hamlin Township Board to order, at 7:00pm, at the township hall. Pledge to the flag was given.

**ROLL CALL:** C. Mergener, P. Bombrys, D. Perkins, D. Ballard and L. Boomer present.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Approved as printed.

**SHERIFF REPORT:** Eaton County Deputy S. Bair presented the Eaton County Communications report detailing all calls to 911 from Hamlin Township. Primarily traffic incidents.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the February 8, 2011 regular meeting were reviewed. Moved by Mergener, second by Bombrys, PASSED, to approve the minutes as printed.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Perkins:** Treasurer's report placed on file for audit.

**Bombrys:** Attended Ambulance Meeting. Reported that the Committee is working on a contract with Hayes Green Beach for continued ambulance services. The new ambulance has not arrived. The narrowband radio system should be up and operating by summer. An electronic reporting system is under construction. Next ambulance meeting is May 18, 2011 at 7pm at Eaton Rapids Medical Center.

**Mergener:** Attended Ambulance Meeting.

**Boomer:** Presented cemetery report: 3 burial(s) and 0 lot sale(s). Reported that the February 22, 2011 School Election went well.

**Ballard:** Presented County correspondences. Reported that the Wilson Road Bridge project is progressing. Received a Partnership For Change brochure. It is available if anyone wants to read it. The budget meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2011 at 4pm and the Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2011 at 6pm, both at Hamlin Township Hall. The MTA Road Commission meeting is March 28, 2011 at 7pm. COG meets April 18, 2011 at 7pm at Hamlin Township.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** No report.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Hendrickson reported 5 fire responses and 12 MFR emergencies. Ground ladder testing is complete and all units passed. Will receive a new hydrant valve from Ingham Co. Tanker Task Force (grant). EMS training was held on March 4 – 5, 2011 with over 20 personnel attending. Promotions are complete and the new officers are to be sworn in at tonight's meeting. New washer is installed. The new fire officers were sworn in.

**FACILITIES MGR. REPORT:** No report.

**PARKS BOARD REPORT:** Bombrys reported that the permits for the kayak/canoe landing at Smithville Park have been submitted and the Canoe Club paid the application fee. Still no official word from DNRE about the land grant. Decided that the soccer field is ready to practice on by younger players. There will be an area wide recreation plan meeting on March 16, 2011 at 7pm at Eaton Rapids Township.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Boomer presented the bills for payment. Moved by Boomer, second by Perkins, PASSED, to approve the bills to the general fund for \$25,172.17 and the cemetery for \$145.19.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A resident inquired about who is responsible for inspecting Smithville Dam. It is inspected by Grand River Power Company and we do not receive a report. County Commissioner Jeremy Whittum attended the meeting and reported that he has been appointed to the Public Safety Committee, the Ways and Means Committee and the Public Works and Planning committee. Reported that Eaton County is leaving Tri-County Narcotics. Eaton County is looking at a 10% cut in state shared revenue. Also reported that Eaton County is not able to purchase the Crandall property and that the Drain Commissioner has proposed raising the fees for soil erosion permits.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Meeting Dates and Times for 2011/2012:* Offered by Bombrys, second by Mergener, PASSED, to conduct regular board meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. Clerk to publish meeting dates and times.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chief Hendrickson thanked the interview committee. Bombrys suggested the Board think about appointing a committee to look at future building upgrades/additions. Ballard suggested Board Members email him any thoughts on this.

Meeting adjourned: 7:46pm.

Laura Boomer, Hamlin Township Clerk