

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

approved

Supervisor Ballard called the regular meeting of the Hamlin Township Board to order, at 6:01pm, at the Hamlin Township Hall. Pledge to the flag was given.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Perkins asked that the facilities rental be removed. Agenda approved as corrected.

EATON COUNTY REPORT: No report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Roll Call
- October 11, 2011 Minutes
- Treasurers Report/Budget Amendments- placed on file for audit

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS: The board again asked that the number of reimbursements be decreased by using or setting up township accounts with vendors. The board will consider a written policy for submitting invoices. Moved by Mergener, second by Bombrys, PASSED, to approve the bills to the general fund for \$17,549.38 plus the trash pick-up invoice for up to \$100.00 and the cemetery for \$17.20. Moved by Mergener, second by Perkins, PASSED to approve the final two payments for the building addition for \$11,975.00 each. Bombrys and Janz to sign off that the work is complete to the township's satisfaction.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Bombrys: Attended the Area Wide Parks plan meeting on 10/17/2011. Reported that a public workshop would be held on 11/10/2011 for the area wide plan. Attended COG on 10/17/2011.

Perkins: Winter 2011 tax bills will be printed on 11/15/2011. The township newsletter has been finalized and will be printed to go out with the tax bills.

Mergener: LDFA meeting is scheduled for 11/11/2011. Attended Fire Board meeting on 11/7/2011. Will discuss during Fire Chief's report.

Boomer: Presented cemetery report: 4 burial(s) and 3 lot sale(s). Reported that the Eaton County MTA would meet on 11/28/2011 at 7:00pm at Windsor Township Hall. The minutes from the September Eaton County MTA meeting will be available in the township offices. Readdressed the cost of grave openings/closings. B. Baker has requested to raise the cost openings/closings. Moved by Mergener, second by Boomer, PASSED, to increase the cost of summer burials to \$600.00 and winter burials to \$700.00. Cremains to remain unchanged at \$200.00.

Ballard: Presented County correspondences. Reported that the township received information for terrorism insurance. He will discuss this with MCM Group and report back in December. The Eaton Rapids Chamber of Commerce sent a request for donations for the Hometown Christmas event. There was no motion. Attended COG with Bombrys and Boomer. Reported that the City has applied for a Tiger Grant for the M99 to Barnes Rd. Bridge project. The grant would help cover preliminary costs. Reported on new businesses coming to Eaton Rapids.

ASSESSOR REPORT: No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Hendrickson reported 1 fire responses and 7 EMS responses. The Fire Open House was October 15, 2011 from 12:00 to 4:00pm. About 400 attended. The FF Association is planning to purchase a new lawn mower. The building addition is a little behind schedule. The Holiday Party is scheduled for December 10, 2011 at 1:00pm. Contact Chief Hendrickson or Capt. Smith if interested in contributing to the Christmas adopt a family. The Fire Board met November 7, 2011. Mergener reported that the Fire Board received a fire waiver request. The Fire Board did not support the waiver due to the burning of illegal substances. There was no motion. The Fire Board discussed amending the Brookfield fee schedule. Decrease the cost for response to wires down, illegal burning, odor/smoke investigation, car fire, trees down blocking the roadway to \$500.00. Chief to take to Brookfield Township at their December meeting.

FACILITIES REPORT: Bombrys reported that furnace filters have been ordered. The township hall doors have new thresholds installed. Bombrys installed outdoor carpet on the front step to prevent slips/falls.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: Bombrys reported that the land acquisition grant is moving along. Smithville Park has a dead ash tree. Will look into its removal during budget workshops. B. Botti and J. Reincke to work on trails at Hamlin Park this winter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

MTA Annual Conference: No board members will attend this year.

Par Plan Grant Resolution: Resolution 2011-13 to approve MCM Insurance grant application for Fire Department training materials. Offered by Mergener, second by Perkins. Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye": Bombrys, Perkins, Ballard, Boomer, Mergener. There were no "nay" votes. The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Marine Corps birthday is November 10, 2011. Reminder that on November 14, 2011 at 6:00pm at Eaton Rapids City Hall there will be a public meeting on the amendment to the 425 agreement. Chief Hendrickson thanked the Fire Board and Fire Prevention Team.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00pm.

Laura Boomer, Hamlin Township Clerk