

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

unapproved

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

AGENDA APPROVAL: Approved as printed.

SHERIFF REPORT: County Commissioner Whittum presented the Eaton County Communications Report. He proceeded to present his report. The County is considering the elimination of the zoning enforcement position. It is a 20-hour/week position currently held by someone who splits the time with an administrative assistant position, thus, receiving benefits. Some townships have expressed interest in funding this position. Supervisor Ballard inquired as to whom would take over zoning enforcement if this position was eliminated. The County does not have answers at this time. Comm. Whittum looking at raising the fee for violators of the zoning ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Roll Call
- August 9, 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: The board asked that the number of reimbursements be decreased by using/setting up accounts with vendors and the need for receipts/invoices. Moved by Bombrys, second by Mergener, PASSED, to approve the bills to the general fund for \$8,984.96 and the cemetery for \$1,570.29.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mergener: No report

Boomer: Presented cemetery report: 1 burial(s) and 2 lot sale(s). Presented information from MTA about their new online learning portal. Reported that Polack has changed the terms for the copier usage and maintenance. New terms are 12,000 copies/year for \$194.40 with excess copies at \$0.0162. Moved by Mergener, second by Bombrys, PASSED, to accept the new terms with Polack Corporation.

Bombrys: No report

Perkins: Reported that Wednesday, September 14 is the last day to pay summer taxes with no penalty.

Ballard: Presented County correspondences. Reported that the Eaton County Planning Commission is meeting on this date to hear DCA-9-11-3 to possibly amend the zoning ordinance to allow for automotive body shops to operate in the limited agricultural zoning district with a conditional use permit.

ASSESSOR REPORT: No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Hendrickson reported 7 fire responses and 8 EMS responses. The bids are in for the building addition. Pump testing is complete. Public Information Officer class was held and 16 attended. Large hose testing is complete with one failure.

BUILDING COMM. REPORT: Bombrys reported he repaired the front steps. He was notified that the flag lights are out. He will work on this. He will also begin to repair the overhead fan in the township hall. Reported that there are some overgrown shrubs in the cemetery that may need to be removed. Will have to consider on next year's budget.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: Bombrys reported that the land acquisition grant is moving along. Ballard to talk to the appraiser for the new park property. Tri-County Regional Planning would like to meet with representatives from the City of Eaton Rapids, Eaton Rapids Township and Bombrys, Boomer, J. Reincke, and D. Jamieson in early October to begin work on the area wide recreation plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Courtney Boomer broke the ERHS 100 yard butterfly record.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Building Addition: The bids are in for the building addition. The Building Committee recommended that the bid submitted by Rick Van Fossen be accepted. The committee will look into heating and ventilation systems at their next meeting. P. Simpson will oversee the building process so that it does not interfere with fire department operations. Bombrys and Chief Hendrickson will work with the builder and oversee the construction. Moved by Bombrys, second by Mergener, PASSED, to accept the bid for \$47,900.00 for the construction of the fire building addition submitted by Rick Van Fossen; to approve up to \$58,000.00 for the addition construction including all related costs; to approve up to \$5,000.00 to Overhead Door Company for 2 overhead doors installed.

Review of the Milligan CUP: Eaton County Planning Commission will review CU-11-10-14 (Milligan's meat processing facility) on October 4, 2011 at 7:00pm as a condition of their permit issued last year. Hamlin Township has received no complaints. Suggested that Hamlin Township support the CUP and that the bond be continued for one more year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chief Hendrickson reported that the Fire Prevention Open House would be held on October 15, 2011. He also reported that the Engineer of the Year Award would now be called the Anderson Hiither Engineer of the Year Award.

Meeting adjourned: 7:09pm.

Laura Boomer, Hamlin Township Clerk