

**Hamlin Township
Regular Board Meeting
September 12, 2012**

approved

Supervisor Ballard 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 private road association.

FREER PLACE/ JUNE CIRCLE PRIVATE ROAD ASSOC: W. Zimmer was present and requested that the board consider administration of their private road and assess a special assessment for the maintenance of the road. This would be voluntary for the township under PA 188. Board to research. Moved by Mergener, second by Boomer, PASSED, to approve \$37.00 to MTA for the purchase of special assessment manual.

EATON COUNTY REPORT: No Sheriff report. Commissioner Whittum reported that Eaton County held a budget meeting and there are no proposed cuts at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Roll Call
- August 8, 2012 Minutes
- Treasurers Report/Budget Amendments- placed on file for audit
- Bills- General Fund \$7,775.79; Cemetery \$1,891.79

Moved by Mergener, second by Bombrys, PASSED, to approve the consent agenda.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mergener: Attended ambulance meeting on August 28, 2012. Reported that the committee has received some data from Hayes Green Beach. The committee has requested additional data sorted by government entity.

Bombrys: Attended Eaton County Road Commission open house. Reported that he met members of the Road Commission and toured the facility. Attended MTA training.

Perkins: Summer 2012 taxes are due September 14, 2012.

Boomer: Presented cemetery report: 3 burial(s) and 0 lot sale(s). Reported that the November General Election ballots should be available by mid to late September. There has been a lot of absentee voter applications submitted for the November General Election.

Ballard: Reported that COG met and discussed updating the Master Plan because it is five years old. The board suggested supporting a minor update to the plan. The next COG meeting is October 15, 2012 at 7:00pm here. Presented County correspondence. Received notification that a parcel was not purchased at a tax sale. It is available to the Township for public use. The second tax sale is September 26, 2012.

ASSESSOR REPORT: No report

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Hendrickson reported 4 fire responses and 10 EMS responses. Engineers training class and new firefighters class are under way. Red paint for the apparatus floor has been purchased through the Firefighters Association. There are still radio problems with Ingham County. The Firefighters Association has purchased a new Saw-Saw for 1312. The Fire Prevention Open House is October 13, 2012 from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

FACILITIES REPORT: Pavement striping is complete. Working on outdoor lights. Researching new light for south door. Bombrys will email the Board when he has the information. Furnace filters have been ordered. An insurance claim has been submitted for damage to the building.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: Bombrys reported that the Parks Board met September 7, 2012. The weeds west of the new parking area have been sprayed. Will consider seeding the area. The soccer club is requesting to use Hamlin Park for practice. Two fire rings have been installed at Smithville Park. There are three dead trees at Smithville Park that should be removed. Moved by Mergener, second by Perkins, PASSED, to approve up to \$250.00 for the removal of three dead trees at Smithville Park. Baker to remove the wood.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The Parks Board thanked Chris and Dave Mergener for their donation of soccer nets for Hamlin Park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Parks Grant: The DNR will not consider the higher appraisal for the Parks Land Grant. The DNR will contribute 75% of the \$75,000.00 appraised value for the 24.79 acres (\$56,250.00). Fritz Properties will donate \$7,000.00 toward the purchase. The Parks Board has suggested that the Township approve \$11,750.00 toward the purchase of the land. Moved by Mergener, second by Perkins, PASSED, to commit up to \$11,750.00 towards the purchase of the DNR Parks Grant property with additional discussion to follow.

Sam's Club: The Firefighters Association would like to purchase a Sam's club membership with the Township. Membership is \$35.00/ year. No motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eaton County DCA Application: Moved by Perkins, second by Mergener, PASSED, to support DCA-10-12-5.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Boomer reported that there was an issue at the cemetery concerning foundation work. The work was not authorized by the Clerk and payment was not made through the Township. The Board discussed the issue and determined that payment to Baker could not be enforced by the Township since the work was not authorized by the Township.

Meeting adjourned: 7:37pm.

Laura Boomer, Hamlin Township Clerk