HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date 2/6/20

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALEGANCE 6:30PM Guest Count 2 Resident Count 12

Present: Duby, Iutzi, LaBoda, Wright Absent: Conway

Iutzi moved to approve the agenda, supported by LaBoda, All in favor. MC

Treasurer's report read by Duby, motion to approve by LaBoda, 2nd by Iutzi All in favor. MC

Reading of January minutes by LaBoda, motion to approve by Iutzi 2nd by Duby All in favor. **MC** LaBoda also read a postcard sent to the township from Marty Johnson, a former resident who is traveling the country.

Invoices read by LaBoda, motion to approve and pay bills including incoming bills by Duby, 2nd by Iutzi All in favor. **MC**

Guest: Mark Fitzpatrick, County Commissioner – Apologized for missing the last 2 meetings. Mark talked about county budget issues, including turning down pay raises for non-union court employees. He stated that expected revenue did not come in and there were inaccurate figures on departmental revenue lines. Mel Conway asked how often they have budget workshops? He replied only one but plan to increase. Tim Haskin asked about a letter from the state that the county received in April regarding getting the fund balance up or credit would be cut. LaBoda asked Fitzpatrick to relay at least one positive thing he can say. He replied that they were able to keep the Emergency Manager at full time.

Tim Haskin, Clare County Road Commissioner – stated the Road Commission is going to a five person board. Two members will be appointed until the upcoming elections in August and November when they will have to run for the office. Tim also stated the new manager is doing an excellent job.

Public Comments: Barbara Lambdin wonders why the CCTC and MMCC are asking for increases. Linda Barkell praised the Republic trash pick up driver for going above and beyond to pick up trash on their street.

Mel Conway, Planning Commission Chair stated they met on January 14th and discussed cargo containers being used. The restaurant has sold and will hopefully be opening soon. Next meeting will be on February 11th.

New Business: Wright met with the Road Commission and there will be a 20/20 match on the Springwood Lake Rd gravel project. Duby asked approval for two garbage removals to process, Wright moved to remove, supported by Duby. All in favor **MC** LaBoda asked to consider changing the hall rental fee. Currently \$100 for residents to use just the hall with an additional charge of \$75 to use the kitchen. LaBoda recommended going to a flat rate of \$125. Iutzi moved to make the change, supported by Duby. All in favor. **MC**

Old Business: Siren sounded on schedule.

Iutzi moved to adjourn at 8:20, supported by LaBoda, all in favor. MC