

The Hamlin Township Board met Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hamlin Townhall. Present: Vandervest, Ptaszenski, Gurzynski, Rees. Absent: Lewis. Approximately 13 people in attendance.

Ms. Vandervest called the meeting to order and led the Pledge to the Flag.

On the MOTION of Ptaszenski, supported by Gurzynski, the Board approved the July 11, 2013 agenda with additions. AA MC

Comments from the Floor:

- 1) Sabrina Sisson, Victory Drive, spoke regarding the Mute Swan issue. After spending a day around the main lake counting, she believes that the numbers given by the DNR are incorrect. She urges the board to make an informed decision.
- 2) Wayne Anderson, Victory Township spoke in favor of the management of the Mute Swan population and supports the resolution before the Township Board this evening. There will always be Mute Swans and the management is about controlling the numbers – not removing them completely.
- 3) Gail Purtell Knudsen, South Bayou, has been a resident of the township since the 1940’s and she appreciates the family of Mute Swans on the bayou. Also she is in support of dredging under the bridges.
- 4) Mr. Purtell, South Bayou, would like to see dredging under the bridges. There is much damage to inboard/outboard motors when going under the bridges.
- 5) Mr. Larry Ruble, Hamlin Shoals, Victory Township does not agree with Wayne Anderson regarding the Mute Swans. He watches swans every day and does not believe they are dangerous. It is a waste of money.

On the MOTION of Rees, supported by Ptaszenski, the Minutes of the June 13, 2013 meeting were approved as written. AA MC

The Treasurer’s Report through May, 2013, General Fund: \$1,051,230.93 was approved on the MOTION of Gurzynski, supported by Rees. RC AA MC S. Ptaszenski noted the Clerk and Treasurer also balanced in the Trust & Agency Account, Fire Operations Account, and the Fire Station Bond & Interest Redemption Fund.

On the MOTION of Ptaszenski, supported by Rees, the Board approved General Fund Budget Amendments totaling \$9,229 in an increase in revenues in the following account(s):

<u>ACCOUNT-REVENUES</u>		
575	- Metro Funds	\$ 6,175
673	- Sales of Fixed Assets	<u>3,054</u>
		\$ 9,229

RC AA MC

On the MOTION of Rees , supported by Gurzynski, the Board approved General Fund Budget Amendments totaling \$22,000 in an increase in disbursements in the following account(s):

<u>ACCOUNT-DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
446	- Roads	<u>\$22,000</u>
		\$22,000

RC AA MC

On the MOTION of Rees, supported by Ptaszenski, the Board approved Fire Operations Fund Budget Amendments totaling \$5,015 in an increase in disbursements in the following account(s):

<u>ACCOUNT-DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
899	- Tax Tribunal Adjustment	\$ 15
970	- Capital Outlay	<u>\$5,000</u>
		\$5,015

RC AA MC

Bills totaling \$120,118.15 in the General Fund were approved for payment on the MOTION of Ptaszenski, supported by Rees. RC AA MC

Bills totaling \$16,086.31 in the Fire Operations Fund were approved for payment on the MOTION of Gurzynski, supported by Ptaszenski. RC AA MC

Bills totaling \$5,800 in the Fire Station Bond/Interest Redemption Fund were approved for payment of interest due on the MOTION of Rees, supported by Ptaszenski. RC AA MC

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) Fire Department (minutes of 7/1/2013 meeting):

- Held discussion on fire runs;
- E Dispatch;
- Discussed trailer needs after search;
- Discussed trailer lettering/pricing;
- New GPS used in search;
- Discussed new med. fees;
- Training July 15 pumping;
- Runs for June: 9 medical; 3 PIA’s; 1 tree fire (Ludington State Park); and, 1 assist to Grant Township – for a total of 14 runs.

Assessor:

1) S. Armstrong reported that there was a lot of foot traffic in the office and that field work is starting a little later than anticipated.

Zoning Administrator:

- 1) Seven (7) Zoning Permits were issued in June, 2013:
- *Robert Vandervest, 2209 N. Rath Rd., Demo/Remodel on existing single family dwelling;
- *Ron & Carol Bolz, 4485 N. Lakeshore Dr., Demo, remodel & construct addition to existing dwelling/Variance granted;
- *Fred Horstman, 5925 W. Jagger Rd., Construct accessory building;
- *Wayne Mortensen, 1740 N. Rath Rd., Construct addition to existing accessory building;
- *Douglas Rollenhagen, 1620 N. Lakeshore Dr., Construct pole barn;
- *Richard Hubbard, 6844 Travis Rd., Construct yard building in lieu of boathouse;
- *Thomas Watkins, 4599 N. Ariel Dr., Change roof pitch and roof lines.

Planning Commission:

- 1) Next meeting will be on 8/12/13:
- *Planning Commission will need to revisit the Medical Marijuana Ordinance due to confidentiality issues. It was written to be placed as a Special Land Use which requires publishing and notification. That is in direct conflict with the confidentiality the law provides to the caregiver/grower.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

- 1) Will Meet 8/7/2013:
- *Original meeting scheduled for 7/15/2013 was rescheduled to 8/7/2013. Ludington Daily News experienced a computer glitch and did not pull the applicant's add as requested per email by the Ludington Daily News.

Board of Review:

- 1) July Board of Review is scheduled for July 16, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the Hamlin Township Hall.

Townhall & Grounds:

1) Opened sealed bid received for the repair of the concrete steps and landing in front of the Township Hall. One bid was received by Dave's Concrete for \$2,000 and on the MOTION of Rees, supported by Ptaszenski the board accepted the bid from Dave's Concrete.

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Transfer Facility:

- 1) **Summer Hours:** May thru September – Monday, Wednesday & Saturday – 10 am to 6 pm
- 2) 2013-2014 Recycling Stickers are available. The yearly sticker for recycling is good from June 1st through May 31st . Cost is \$15 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. The 2013-2014 sticker color is violet purple.
- 3) 13-gallon size purple Township garbage bags can be purchased for \$5 for 10 bags.
30-gallon size green Township garbage bags can be purchased for \$11 for 10 bags.
- 4) The 2013 Clean-Up Day (June 15, 2013) Breakdown:
 - 188 vouchers issued – 149 turned in
 - Total cost \$3,125: filled 6 - 30yd. dumpsters and one metal
 - Thank you to the following volunteers and businesses that made donations:

Volunteers

Matt Bryant
 Johnaine & Tom Gurzynski
 Tom Johnson
 Chuck Lange
 Sue Ptaszenski
 Larry Rees
 Rosie Sadler
 Fred Surplus
 Brian & Nancy Vandervest
 Steve Vandervest

Donations

Hamlin Grocery (refreshments)
 Sauble Resort – Tim & Jane Pomeroy (use of front end loader)

(Note in 2012: 215 vouchers issued – 178 turned in)

- 5) 2013 Hamlin Township Tire Recycling/Collection Day (June 29th) Breakdown:

- 137 vouchers issued – 110 turned in – 1001 tires collected. Thank you to the following volunteers/businesses:

Volunteers

Larry Rees
 Rosie Sadler
 Jerry Sladick, Sr.
 Fred Surplus
 Brian Vandervest & tractor
 Nancy Vandervest
 Two Trustees from the Mason County Sheriff's Dept.

Donations

Hamlin Grocery (refreshments)

Mason County Sheriff's Department:

- 1) The Mason County Sheriff's report for June, 2013 was presented by Sheriff Kim Cole. There were a total of 39 calls for service in Hamlin Township in June: 10 crashes, 29 misc.
- 2) At the request of Riverton Township farmers, Public Service Announcements were recorded reminding drivers of the summer traffic of farm equipment on the roads and to take extra care. MOM radio donated five spots a day for a month.
- 3) The 4th of July weekend went well. There were no major crashes/calls.
- 4) There is a new program being introduced to the area schools on July 22, 2013 called STOPPED (Sheriff's Tell Our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers). Anyone with a child between the ages of 16 and 20 can register your car (at no cost) with the sheriff's department. You are issued a sticker with a serial number on it and if your child is stopped by the Sheriff you are sent an e-mail and/or text message with information regarding the driver, reason for the stop and at what time. You can call the Mason County Sheriff at (231) 843-3475 or www.misheriff.org to register.
- 5) The Sheriff's office is at 50% of their budget.

Parks:

- 1) The Shaw family donated a memorial bench which has been installed at the Long Skinny Park.

Roads:

- 1) Adopted a resolution asking the Mason County Road Commission to add Mears Road into Mason County Road Commission's local road system on the MOTION of Rees, supported by Gurzynski. RC AA MC
- 2) On the MOTION of Rees, supported by Vandervest, approved the placement of 500 yards of slag aggregate material on Fisher Road at a cost of \$7,000 as recommended by the Road Commission. RC AA MC
- 3) Sent requests to the Mason County Road Commission to trim the low overhead branches on Abrahamson Road and to trim the weeds along the guardrails at the South Bayou bridges and at the intersection of Angling Road and Jebavy Drive.
- 4) Received a thank you letter from Jim Bogus expressing his family's gratitude to the Hamlin Township Board and the Road Commission for the wonderful job done with the road work completed on Decker Road.

Lake Preservation Society:

- 1) At their June 25, 2013 meeting, the HLPS approved the placement of garbage/trash barrels at the South Bayou Park and the Wilson Hill Park during the summer months. Barrels are in place and service will be provided by Allied Waste/Republic Company per Ms. Ruth Crompton.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) On the MOTION of Rees, supported by Ptaszenski, the Township Board approved the adoption of a Resolution requesting assistance from the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources in their implementation of their Mute Swan Management and Control Program Policy and Procedures for mute swan nest and egg destruction and/or mute swan removal. RC AA MC
- 2) Tabled request to dredge the channel at the South Bayou to the entrance of Hamlin Lake. L. Rees to gather information regarding cost.
- 3) On the MOTION of Ptaszenski, supported by Gurzynski, the following election workers for the August 6, 2013 special election were approved: C. Burden, M. Kmiecik, and G. Normoyle. RC AA MC

NEW ITEMS APPROVED TONIGHT:

On the MOTION of Rees, supported by Gurzynski, the Board approved Sroka's Landscaping to mow the lawn at 6762 Cherry St. for \$50. RC AA MC

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) DEQ Permits Issued to:

*Sandra Werksma, 7150 Kansas Street, remove existing dilapidated wood seawall from 140 linear feet of shoreline and replace in same location w/140 linear feet of new steel seawall to the same height above grade.
*Mark/Bonita Herban, 2670 N. Piney Ridge Road, applied for a permit to install 60 linear feet of replacement seawall w/backfill; install an additional 95 linear feet of new steel seawall in place of existing concrete block barrier and backfill w/50 cubic yds. of sand; and place 50 cubic yds. of rock riprap along w/145 linear feet of the new wall.

2) **Freedom of Information Act Inquiries:**

*MCL 21.153 Obligations due state or municipality; payment by check or bank draft, date operative; legal tender. Whenever any check or bank draft shall be tendered for the payment of any debt, taxes or other obligation due to the state or to any municipality therein, such check or draft shall operate as a payment made on the date the check or draft was received and accepted by the receiving officer, if it shall be paid on presentation without deduction for exchange or cost of collection. All agencies of the state of Michigan shall request that checks tendered in payment of an obligation due the state shall be made payable to the state of Michigan. No receiving officer shall be required to receive in payment of any debt, taxes or other obligation collectible or receivable by him any tender other than gold or silver coin of the United States, United States treasury notes, gold certificates, silver certificates or Federal Reserve bank notes.”

*May 26, 2012, Greg Collins, 3242 N. Piney Ridge Rd., Ludington, MI:

Requested tape of the 5/17/12 Hamlin Twp. Bd. Meeting - Request Granted – **Total Amount Due:** \$9.96. *Made a second recording of the tape and mailed it to Mr. Collins at no additional charge. The Township paid for postage on mailing of the second tape. Mr. Collins has not paid for the initial tape request of \$9.96.

*Detroit Free Press, 615 W. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, MI:

Requested documents related to the Township’s Community Supervisor – Request Granted – No cost.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) The 2013 Western Mason County Fire District Authority meetings are scheduled for August 19th, October 21st, December 16th, and January 13, 2014. All meetings are held at the City of Ludington Municipal Building beginning at 3 p.m.

2) The Mason County Township Officers Association’s next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at Sherman Township Hall.

3) The Household Hazardous Waste & Collection Day is scheduled for August 17, 2013 at the Mason Co. Road Commission in Scottville from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Call (231) 757-3708.

4) Burning permit number (toll-free): 1-866-922-2876; or visit www.michigan.gov/burnpermit.

*New law bans certain open burning. .HB 4207 bans the uncontrolled burning of plastic, rubber, foam, chemically treated wood, textiles, electronics, chemicals and hazardous materials. The bill became Public Act 102 of 2012. Rural residents still can burn yard waste such as brush and leaves; and, household waste such as cardboard and paper products.

5) Video Franchise Complaint Line - New number is 1-800-292-9555.

6) State Representative Ray Franz can be reached toll free at 1-855-347-8101 or by email at rayfranz@house.mi.gov. State Senator Geoff Hansen’s toll free number is 1-866-305-2134 and his email address is senghansen@senate.michigan.gov.

7) The 2013 Mason County Board of Commissioners meeting schedule: August 13th-7 p.m.; September 10th-9 a.m.; October 8th-7 p.m.; November 12th-9 a.m.; December 10th-7 p.m.; and January 14th-9 a.m.

8) Consumers Energy will hold a public hearing at 9 a.m. on June 26, 2013, Constitution Hall, Lansing Michigan. Further details available upon request

9) Quads on Lakeshore Drive are being noticed without helmets and are going more than 25 mph.

- Visit Hamlin Township’s Web Site: www.hamlintownship.org

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (LIMITED TO FIVE (5) MINUTES PER PERSON): NONE

On the MOTION of Rees, supported by Ptaszenski, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. AA MC

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Genter, Deputy Clerk