**TOWN OF HAMILTON**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**JANUARY 12, 2021**

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Chairman Blaine Lee called the monthly board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman Blaine Lee, Supervisors Kevin Hoyer and Paul Degenhardt, Treasurer Katie Reding and Clerk Sara Schultz were present.

**MINUTES:** The clerk read the minutes from the December board meeting and were approved as read by motion made by Hoyer and seconded by Degenhardt. Motion carried.

**AGENDA:** Lee read this month’s agenda which was approved by Degenhardt and Hoyer. Carried. There was no public comment.

**ADDITION TO EXISTING SHED:** Eric Hurtz (W3416 Pleasant Valley Road West Salem) came before the board requesting to add a 14’ x 60’ lean-to addition to an existing shed to store equipment. Degenhardt moved to approve and Hoyer supported with a second. Motion carried (letter sent to zoning).

**HORSTMANN HOMESTEAD:** Greg Haskell (Highway 35 Signs) came before the board on behalf of Horstmann Homestead Farm & Events asking to install 2 directional signs located at the County Road M and County Road B junction and the other one 500’ off of the corner of County Road M and Pleasant Valley Road. The county has already approved the placement of these signs. A letter from Jim Shurson stating his approval for the signs to be on his property was presented. Hoyer motioned to approve and Lee seconded. Motion carried.

**RURAL MUTUAL INSURANCE:** Carl Kisely (insurance rep) reviewed the town insurance policy coverages. The policy is due February 1, 2021.

**ROAD WAGES:** After discussion of the cost-of-living increase (1.3%), Hoyer suggested using this method for the increase of wages instead of a flat rate. Lee moved to increase wages to the following for the road crew: Steve Knudson - .29 ($22.29), Reid Carrie - .26 ($20.26) and Dave Novak - .22 ($17.22) while Degenhardt seconded. These increases will be effective with the next pay statement. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

**FEBRUARY SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION:** The clerk suggested having 3 poll workers for the Primary Election on February 16th. Degenhardt and Hoyer motioned to approve this request and it carried.

**ROAD REPORT:** Linda Levendoski wrote a letter stating she would like to give a strip of land on Moos Road to the township. Lee will talk to zoning about the best way to handle this. Also, Lee will be meeting with a town resident tomorrow about a tree that was cut on the right of way.

**RECYCLING CENTER:** After discussion of a situation that happened at the recycling center recently, Degenhardt motioned to place a restraining order on the resident from all Town of Hamilton property. Hoyer supported the motion with a second and it passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The monthly financials were handed out and after looking at the reports, Hoyer made a motion to pay off the fire truck loan this week and Degenhardt seconded the motion. Carried. Treasurer Reding reported the settlements to be paid out by the 15th of the month as well as the overpayment of property taxes. Hoyer moved to approve the reports and Degenhardt supported the motion with a second. Carried. Finally, Lee presented his findings for financing of a new town hall. Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m. with a motion made by Hoyer and seconded by Degenhardt.

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 Sara Schultz, Clerk