**TOWN OF HAMILTON**

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020**

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Chairman Blaine Lee called the March monthly board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 after all were invited to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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 previous monthly board meeting and a correction was made regarding the seminar that Steve and Reid attended. It should have read it was about buried wires and gas lines (Digger’s Hotline) and not flagging. A motion to approve the modified minutes was made by Degenhardt and seconded by Hoyer. Motion carried.

**AGENDA:** Chairman Lee read this month’s agenda which was approved by motion made by Degenhardt and supported with a second by Hoyer. Motion passed. Under public comment, Ray Ebert thanked the board for their support during the 14 years he was on the county board.

**REQUEST FOR LOT SPLIT AND VARIANCE:** Lynn Meyer (o/b/o Raenell Meyer) came before the board with a proposal for changing property lines on three parcels located at W4187 Schild Road West Salem (#7-216-0, #7-210-0 and #7-210-1) and is looking for a recommendation for needed easements. He also requested a variance for an existing 2,240 square foot detached accessory building. After discussion, Hoyer made a recommendation to approve these requests while Degenhardt seconded. Motion carried (letter sent to zoning).

**VARIANCE REQUEST:** Due to safety issues, Chris Johnson (W3692 Pleasant Valley Road West Salem) would like to remove a barn, three silos and a chicken coop and build a 60’ x 100’ poll building. Even though the new construction would exceed height limits, Hoyer moved to approve Mr. Johnson’s request and Degenhardt seconded. Motion carried (letter sent to zoning).

**SPRING ELECTION:** The clerk suggested having 5 poll workers per shift at the April 7, 2020 Spring Election since there is a 75% expected turnout. Hoyer moved to approve and Degenhardt seconded. Carried. Also, Lee motioned to increase the poll worker’s wages to $9.00 per hour ($1.00 / hour increase) beginning with the upcoming election. Degenhardt seconded the motion and it was carried.

**OPTIONS/PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTMENT OF CLERK, TREASURER, CLERK/TREASURER:**

Chairman Lee provided sample ordinances for appointing instead of electing a clerk, treasurer or clerk/treasurer. Depending on population, a referendum and/or special meeting would be needed in order to change the current procedure. This topic will be tabled until the annual meeting.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** Annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. with the monthly board meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m.

**ROAD REPORT:** Road bans are on at this time and the annual road tour is set for 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15th. Hoyer and Degenhardt moved to sign the contract with Kraemer Company again this year for rock which will be taken from the Clements, Romskog and Mindoro quarries. Motion carried. A used 2015 BC1000XL gas motor wood chipper was found in the Twin Cities for a price of $17,200; however, the check engine light is illuminated. The board asked Reid Carrie to have Vermeer estimate the cost to fix this. Degenhardt moved to purchase the chipper as long as the cost is taken care of and Hoyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. FEMA money will be used for this purchase.

**RECYCLING CENTER:** Lee stated that we need to hire another recycling attendant at this time. Board members can now earn up to $15,000 per year working “odd” jobs for the town.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** The financial reports were handed out and were approved by motion made by Degenhardt and Hoyer. Motion carried. Hoyer moved to approve paying the bills and was supported with a second by Degenhardt. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. by motion made by Hoyer and was seconded by Degenhardt.

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 Sara Schultz, Clerk