

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 28, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Hampton Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Supervisor.

PRESENT: Benchley, Kenniston, Wisniewski, DeWyse, Samyn, Close

ABSENT: Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Hewitt and 54 people in the audience

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Wisniewski, supported by Benchley, to approve the presented agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Wisniewski, seconded by Benchley, to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 14, 2023 and waive the reading.
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

AUDITORS REPORT:

Motion by Kenniston, seconded by Wisniewski, the following warrants be approved for payment:

#50848	Building Fund	\$ 285.00
#51195- #51226	General Fund	\$ 34,206.17
#4647- #4653	Sewer Fund	\$ 8,514.34
#51194	Road Fund	\$ 122,082.36
#2175-#2181	Water Fund	\$ 8,329.33
		<u>\$ 173,417.20</u>

AYES: Kenniston, Wisniewski, Benchley, DeWyse, Samyn, Close

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wright

Motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Sandy Stachkowiak, 1180 N. Knight Rd. -addressed the Board thanking the Board for fixing the Police Department parking lot.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: DeWyse gave a report regarding the proposed garbage special assessment.

Motion by Samyn, supported by Benchley, to start the Open to the Public portion of the Public Hearing at 7:10 pm for the garbage special assessment. Motion carried.

Attached are copies of e-mails received by the Clerk regarding the special assessment. (Attachment A)

The following people spoke:

Timothy Bright, 500 Harvard St. -Wanted to know who will be setting the water and sewer rates.

Dennis Greenwood, 284 N. Farley Rd. -Why are we switching to Bay County Department of Water and Sewer for our utility billing.

Robert Redick, 360 Youngs Ditch Rd. -Need answers to our questions.

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Pamela Ogden, 519 Eastland Ct.-Verifying it is only a garbage special assessment and not sewer or water.

Keith Prueter, 782 W. Hampton Rd.-May want to look at eliminating recycling service to save money.

Ruth Russell, 411 Princeton St.-discussed recycling and wanted to know if Hampton Township will continue to read meters.

Ronald Marsh, 1782 N. Boutell Rd.-wanted to know about delinquent fees.

Bill Neering, 1083 E. Nebobish Rd.-Wanted to know if Bay County Department of Water and Sewer doesn't want to or can't bill for garbage.

Jan Bouchard, 162 W. Nebobish Rd.-wanted to know if the garbage fee will be on the winter tax bill and wanted to make sure Hampton Township was going to continue to set the utility rates and who pays to replace water meters.

Carlene Dardas, 1680 N. Jones Rd.-why can't we split the garbage fee between the summer and winter tax bills.

Beth Russell, 865 S. Powell Rd.-spoke about people with loans on their homes and their escrow payments will increase.

Chris Yearkey, 1078 N. Wagner Rd.-stated there should be a way for snow birds to get some relief from paying for garbage service when they aren't here. Also, we may want to look at different companies for the different services.

Dennis Greenwood, 284 N. Farley Rd.-worried about sky high utility bills.

Bill Neering, 1083 E. Nebobish Rd.-people who itemize their income taxes will have to remember to take off the garbage special assessment from their property tax bill.

Chris Yearkey, 1078 N. Wagner Rd.-wanted to verify the garbage special assessment is not determined by your taxable value.

Carlene Dardas-1680 N. Jones Rd.-so we will be pre-paying for garbage service for 2024.

Motion by Samyn, seconded by Wisniewski, since there was no one else who wished to address the Board to close the Open to the Public portion of the Public Hearing at 7:50 pm for the garbage special assessment. Motion carried.

Motion by Wisniewski, supported by Benchley, to contribute \$2,500.00 to the Bay Future Drive Forward Campaign for 2023 and 2024.

AYES: Wisniewski, Benchley, Kenniston, DeWyse, Samyn, Close
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Wright
Motion carried.

Motion by Wisniewski, seconded by Kenniston, to approve the paving and repairs of the Police Department parking lot at a bid cost of \$21,850.00 by Yeager Asphalt.

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AYES: Wisniewski, Kenniston, Benchley, DeWyse, Samyn, Close
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Wright
Motion carried.

Motion by DeWyse, supported by Benchley, to approve the Director of Public Safety and Supervisor Terri Close to apply for a \$5,000 grant from the Michigan Township Participating Plan for surveillance cameras to be located at the Fire Station and Department of Public Works buildings and garages.

AYES: DeWyse, Benchley, Kenniston, Wisniewski, Samyn, Close
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Wright
Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

ATTORNEY REPORT: Hewitt presented the motion to create the Special Assessment District.

Motion by Kenniston, seconded by Samyn to approve the creation of a Special Assessment District for the purpose of financing the collection and disposal of garbage and rubbish; to approve the plans and estimate of costs as submitted to the Board by the Supervisor; to approve the creation of a Special Assessment District consisting of those parcels of property as described in the attached Exhibit A; to authorize the Board of Trustees to make periodic redeterminations of cost so long as there shall be no change in the Special Assessment District boundaries; that such redetermination of cost be made annually so as to include on the Winter tax billing; and to direct the Supervisor to prepare a Special Assessment Roll.

AYES: Kenniston, Samyn, Benchley, Wisniewski, DeWyse, Close
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Wright
Motion carried.

ENGINEER REPORT: Not present.

OFFICER/TRUSTEE/DEPT. HEAD/COMMISSIONER REPORTS:
CLERK: No report.

TREASURER: No report.

TRUSTEES: No report.

SUPERVISOR: No report.

DPW ADMINISTRATOR BENCHLEY: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR BENCHLEY: No report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER POIRIER: Working on a contract to relocate the Health Department, attended the Farm Bureau meeting, MBS airport working on adding new airlines, and attended a MI Works regional meeting.

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Dennis Greenwood, 284 N. Farley Rd. -addressed the issue of trash flying out of the trucks and filling up the ditches. He also requested information on the cross-connection program.

Robert Redick, 360 Youngs Ditch Rd. -wanted to know what EGLE was.
Wayne Esterhai, 369 W. Center Rd. -thought we should have a microphone for our public hearings.

Jack Rittenberg, 1109 E. Nebobish -wanted to know what we were doing about people dumping trash at the end of Cotter Road.

John Bunnell, 1298 N. Scheurmann Rd. -thanked the Board for answering questions, need to find solutions for partial payments for garbage, wants to know how the Township is spending money to keep property values high and make incentives for people wanting to live in Hampton Township.

Chris Yearkey, 1078 N. Wagner Rd. -include more information on the notices mailed to residents.

Beth Russell, 865 S. Powell -what is the Township doing to get new businesses to locate here.

Sandy Stachkowiak, 1180 N. Knight Rd. -had questions regarding Bay County Department of Water and Sewer taking over the utility billing.

Dennis Greenwood, 284 N. Farley Rd. -tax revenue from businesses relocating to Hampton Township would be a good thing.

Chris Yearkey, 1078 N. Wagner Rd. -requested the Special Assessment resolution to be read again.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Wisniewski, supported by Benchley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Frances DeWyse, Clerk

Terri Close, Supervisor