

HARTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING FINAL MINUTES
October 04, 2022 – 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Fountain at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

PRESENT: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Germane, Trustee McMullen, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Petrucci

ABSENT: None

Also present were Township Manager Bob West and Public Works Director Mike Luce.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Move to approve the agenda for the October 4, 2022, Hartland Township Board meeting as presented.

Motion made by Trustee Petrucci, Seconded by Trustee O'Connell.

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Germane, Trustee McMullen, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Petrucci

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

5. Call to the Public

Brooke Chapel came forward as an advocate of all things going on with the schools in Hartland and was concerned with the irregularities of signage placement regarding the Hartland School Board elections. She believes this election is important to the future of Hartland and inquired as to what the Township can do to promote this election and encouraged the Township residents to get out and vote.

Tonya Grant came forward with issues regarding the transparency of the Hartland Schools budget. Supervisor Fountain stated the Hartland Schools are a separate entity from the Township and the Township has no say in the Hartland School budget. Ms. Grant inquired as to the status of the HERO Teen Center as she was unsure if it was still operating and that a community center like this is important to the community and she would be happy to assist if needed. Trustee Petrucci stated that HERO Center staff and teens were here tonight to provide a presentation on the Teen Center. Ms. Grant also inquired as to where she could find the legalities regarding fair elections and Clerk Ciofu provided information regarding elections and stated that complaints should be filed with the State. Ms. Grant inquired as to how we could get more community members involved in local government. Supervisor Fountain stated that transparency of local government is a major focus of the Township and that you can go to the Hartland Township website to access our information.

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Move to approve the consent agenda for the October 4, 2022, Hartland Township Board meeting as presented.

Motion made by Trustee Germane, Seconded by Trustee O'Connell.

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Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Germane, Trustee McMullen, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Petrucci
Voting Nay: None
Absent: None

- a. Approve Payment of Bills
- b. Approve Post Audit of Disbursements Between Board Meetings
- c. 09-06-22 Hartland Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes
- d. 09-06-22 Hartland Township Board Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- e. Sewer Bond 595 Uncollectible Special Assessments

7. Pending & New Business

- a. SP #22-014 Preliminary and Final Site Condominium Application for Hartland Towne Square – Hartland Ring Road Condominium Request

Manager West stated this is on the RPT Development, known as Ramco, or what you are familiar with as the Meijer area. RPT is out of land divisions and per the State of Michigan Land Divisions Act they are no longer permitted any further divisions. We have two businesses that would like to occupy a single parcel in this development. He stated that we historically, and as a legal response to this issue, have adopted a condominium application where the building footprints themselves will have separate parcel IDs but they share a parking lot. We have done this as a means to authorize multiple businesses to come in without doing the land division and without violating the Land Division Act of Michigan. This is for a Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant and another restaurant, to be named in the future, to share a single site within the development. Manager West introduce the applicant, John Freel should the Board have any questions.

Move to approve Site Plan Application #22-014, as outlined in the staff memorandum, dated September 27, 2022, approval upon preliminary and final site plan condominium application for Hartland Ring Road.

Motion made by Treasurer Horning, Seconded by Trustee Petrucci.

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Germane, Trustee McMullen, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Petrucci
Voting Nay: None
Absent: None

- b. Hartland Enrichment and Recreation Organization (H.E.R.O.) Presentation

Supervisor Fountain gave a brief history of the HERO Teen Center which is in the 10th year of operation and stated that two Board members, Trustee Germane and Trustee Petrucci, are on the HERO Center Board. Dan Livingway, one of the Teen Center Directors, thanked the Board for their involvement with the Teen Center and gave a brief presentation on the HERO Teen Center along with several of the students in attendance. Mr. Livingway stated that on an average day there are typically 40 students that attend the HERO Teen Center and can get up to 60 students on a given day. The students talked about how much they love the HERO Teen Center and how it has helped them and thanked the Board for their support for the Teen Center. Supervisor Fountain gave a brief overview of the Township's support for the Hartland Senior Center and when the opportunity presented itself to do something for the youth of the Township, the Township converted the old Township Hall into the Teen Center. The Township

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provides the same amount of funding for the Teen Center and the Senior Center. The Teen Center also does their own fundraising and has received several grants including one for the Hoop House, which is a large greenhouse behind the Teen Center. He also stated that there is no cost to attend the Teen Center. Trustee Petrucci acknowledged Kay Fountain, who was in attendance, as the individual who brought the Teen center concept to the Board and was the driving force in starting the HERO Teen Center. He stated that this is a great place for kids to socialize and we have had other communities visit our teen center to use as a template for their own centers. The Teen Center then presented a video featuring educational, social and physical activities of the Teen Center.

c. County Commissioner Wes Nakagiri update to Hartland Township Board

Hartland Township's County Commissioner Wes Nakagiri came forward to address the Board. He commended the Teen Center students for their poised presentation tonight and stated it was great to see their involvement. He stated that he was here to create a dialog between himself as County Commissioner and the Board should the Board have any questions regarding what is going on at the County level. He stated his primary reason for being here tonight was to publicly thank Manager West for all of his hard work and great insight on the issues going on with the Septage Receiving Station and the Livingston Regional Sewer System. He stated he firmly believes that we would not have made the progress we have made so far, even though there is more to do, without Mr. West's expertise. He thanked the Board for allowing Mr. West to be part of the Board of Public Works. He stated it has been an honor and a real learning opportunity for him to work with Manager West to become knowledgeable in the area of sewer rates. He stated when he was campaigning for office in 2018 and knocking on doors in Hartland, sewer rates came up time and time again. To see that progress is being made in getting more fair and equitable sewer rates, saving the users about \$300 a year, is a marvelous thing. He also stated he is very anxious as a representative of the County to see closure and conclusion in what we are going to do with regards to the allocation of the REU's to make sure the Septage Receiving Station is paying its fair share. He stated if there are things he can do he would be more than happy to do so as he wants to see closure to this issue in a manner that is fair to the citizens of the Livingston County and fair to the citizens of Hartland Township. He stated that this is a high priority for him. Commissioner Nakagiri then gave a brief overview of the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund balance of approximately \$37 million dollars and that the County is in the process of appropriating the funds and stated priorities for him are public safety related things that would have a broad base of benefit, such as enhancements to the emergency medical services, enhancements to 911 dispatch, and the sheriff's office. He stated another priority for him, was that when he came on the Board there was about a \$45 million in unfunded pension liabilities. He stated we have made some progress on this as all new employees are on a 401(k) type program, so we basically eliminated new liabilities, but we still have to pay down the debt the has accumulated. Treasurer Horning inquired as to why the Veterans millage was put on the November 2022 ballot rather than in an earlier election since if it passes, we have to wait until it is certified before we can send out the tax bills, so we are under a very tight timeframe to get them out on time. Commissioner Nakagiri stated he knows of no specific objective to doing this now. Supervisor Fountain thanked Commissioner Nakagiri for his active role in the discovery of the information regarding the sewer rates and that we would not be where we are now with his assistance, and he should be commended for this. He stated that Commissioner Nakagiri's appointment of Manager West to the Board of Public Works allowed for the identification of issue and now we have to work together toward a solution. Commissioner Nakagiri stated that he learned from Mr. West that if we keep our focus on what is best for the individual citizens and not Livingston County, not the Sewer System, not the Board of Public Works, or Hartland

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Township, then we will do our best work and get our best solutions. He stated that the process for appointments to Boards has changed at the County level and stated that there are three positions on the Livingston County Board of Public Works that will be posted and individuals that are interest can apply with the County Administrator. Trustee O'Connell thanked Commissioner Nakgiri for coming before the Board and agreed that Manager West has been a fantastic asset to the Board of Public Works and thanked Commissioner Nakagiri for trying to find a solution and working towards that end and that it is appreciated by the residents of the township.

8. Board Reports

Trustee McMullen – No report

Trustee Petrucci – No report

Clerk Ciofu – Stated that Absentee Ballot Applications were mailed out today stating we had mailed out about 4300 Absentee Ballot Applications and based on returns of these applications we mailed out around 2400 ballots.

Treasurer Horning – Stated the Farmer's Market has two more Saturday's noting we were almost sold out last week. We have pumpkins, apples, squash and all the fall produce. There are a lot of artisans there with great center pieces with pumpkins and flowers. She stated we will be handing out new Farmer's Market bags this Saturday or next depending on when they come in. The Farmer's Market is at Rural King parking lot from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm every Saturday.

Trustee Germane – Thanked the members of the community and the HERO Board members for the successful annual golf outing fundraiser held last month for the HERO Teen Center. He stated we raised \$13,000 at this year's event.

Trustee O'Connell – No report.

Supervisor Fountain – Stated we held the State of the Community event last night at E-Magine theater. We had about 75 people attend the event and presented the 2022 Volunteer of the Year Award to Darin Loruss. He stated that the Partner's-in-Progress group, consisting of the Hartland Consolidated Schools, Cromaine Library, the Hartland Chamber of Commerce and Hartland Township gave video presentations of all of the good things that are happening in the Township by working together. He also stated that this year we signed a contract with the Livingston County Sheriff's Department for 12 hour a day coverage for 365 days a year funded by Hartland Township, Hartland Consolidated Schools and Charyl Stockwell schools. The officers assigned to Hartland Township are here to be part of the Community and to let people know that they are here to help.

[BRIEF RECESS]

9. Information / Discussion

a. Manager's Report

Manager West gave a brief update on the Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority (HDFA) Fire Station Study stating we are still proceeding with the data gathering and zoning review stage. Manager West also stated that there is a local Governmental Planning Training opportunity to be facilitated by Michigan State University at the Livingston County EMS Building which several of the PC members have submitted registrations to attend. Unfortunately, these training sessions will be held on Thursdays for six weeks. This will entail the cancelling of several PC meetings and the scheduling of Special Meetings on a different day of the week. This will not have an effect on any of the currently scheduled projects and it is a very beneficial training for the Township. Manager West provided a brief update of the Mister Car Wash project regarding the details on the number

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of gallons used per car wash and the number of cars per day in order to properly assess REU requirements. He summarized conversations with the car wash representatives regarding these issues and the proposed recycler benefits, and there are still some issues that need to be worked out. He stated that we have conducted our standard interview process for the additional budgeted DPW staff position and we will be making an offer in the very near future to a qualified candidate.

- b. Closed Session: To review the written legal opinion of the Township Attorney, subject to attorney-client privilege, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(e)

Move to go into closed session to review the written legal opinion of the Township Attorney, subject to attorney-client privilege, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, MCL 15.268(e) and to include DPW Director Mike Luce.

Motion made by Treasurer Horning, Seconded by Trustee O'Connell.

Roll call vote taken.

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Germane, Trustee McMullen, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Petrucci

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motions Passes: 7 – 0 – 0.

The Board is in closed session at 8:13 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:03 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Germane, Seconded by Trustee McMullen.

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Germane, Trustee McMullen, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Petrucci

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Submitted by



Larry N. Ciofu, Clerk