

HARTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING FINAL MINUTES
May 07, 2024 – 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 Mike Luce and Public Works Director Scott Hable.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Move to approve the agenda for the May 7, 2024 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

Dominic Restuccia came forward and introduced himself as a candidate for the Michigan's 50th District in the upcoming Republican primary on August 6, 2024. He provided a brief update of his background and was here to see what is going on in Hartland Township and to see what he can do if elected to serve Hartland Township.

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Move to approve the consent agenda for the May 7, 2024 Hartland Township Board meeting as presented.

Motion made by Clerk Ciofu, 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

- a. Approve Payment of Bills
- b. Post Audit of Disbursements Between Board Meetings
- c. 4-16-24 Hartland Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes
- d. Release of Performance Bond for RDJ Enterprises Acct 101-000-283.000-0046
- e. Waldenwoods Fireworks Display Permit – 7-6-24

7. Pending & New Business

- a. 2024 Parshall Rd. Gravel Road Improvement

Public Works Director Scott Hable gave a brief overview of the gravel road improvements being recommended for Parshall Road. He stated that we were approached by the Livingston County

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Road Commission (LCRC) and Tyrone Township, as this is a border road for Hartland and Tyrone Townships, regarding some basic resurfacing of around 3200 feet of Parshall Road. The project cost will be split equally between Hartland and Tyrone Townships at \$45,000 each. Supervisor Fountain inquired as to the portion of the road that will be improved and the timetable for completing the project. Director Hable stated the resurfacing will be between Bullard Road and Hartland Road and we do not have a firm timetable at this time but he expects it to be very soon as the LCRC has already been working on our projects including getting an early start on the road chloriding. Manager Luce stated that Tyrone Township has approved their portion of the project and the LCRC has approved the project pending Hartland Township's approval tonight and he agreed with Director Hable's assessment that it would probably be done within the next month.

Move to approve the contract for the 2024 Parshall Rd. Gravel Road Improvement and allow the Public Works Director to act on behalf of the Township for decisions relating to the project.

Motion made by Treasurer Horning, 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

8. Board Reports

Trustee Germane - No report.

Trustee O'Connell - Stated that she attended the Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority (HDFA) CHASE Event this past weekend and she wanted everyone to know that our community is so blessed to have such dedicated, compassionate, and caring personnel at the HDFA and the EMS.

Trustee McMullen - No report.

Trustee Petrucci - No report

Clerk Ciofu - No report

Treasurer Horning - Stated she sent the Board the end of the fiscal year Treasurer's Report and she distributed the Hartland Township Tax Revenue Pie Chart she created for the Hartland/Chamber Coffee and Conversation meeting tomorrow. She stated that it provides an easily understandable picture of where residents and businesses tax dollars go. Supervisor Fountain stated that this will be provided to the Chamber at our community collaboration meeting with them tomorrow morning. He stated that he and Manager Luce meet with the Chamber every three months to discuss topics of their choice and tomorrow we will be discussing "Where your tax dollars go" and our sign ordinance. Treasurer Horning also stated the Farmer's Market starts this Saturday, March 11th at Rural King.

Supervisor Fountain - Reminded the community that the Large Item Clean Up Day will be on Saturday May 18th, from 9:00 am and 1:00 pm at the Hartland High School parking lot.

[BRIEF RECESS]

9. Information / Discussion

a. Manager's Report

Manager Luce distributed the 2024-2025 Budget Book to the Board and stated copies are available for the public at the Township Hall. Manager Luce gave a brief overview of the Blaine Road paving project stating we received the contract from the Livingston County Road Commission (LCRC) as part of the Pavement Preservation Project that is a 50/50 match by the LCRC, and our portion of

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the project would be approximately \$540,000. He stated that in the Road Millage portion of the budget there we allocated \$500,000 to Crouse Rd. in the Village for repaving and drainage. In discussions with the LCRC and their engineering firm they have stated this is not a viable project for this year due to the extensive design work that may need to be done for drainage in this area. To reallocate these funds, the County is recommending Blaine Rd., which is in need of repair. He stated if the Road Millage is renewed we would allocate funds for Crouse Road next year. Trustee Germane inquired if a whole new subbase will be installed on Blaine Rd. and Manager Luce stated a portion of it will be a mill and repave, and a portion will be a mill, crush and shape, and repave, but it will go from M-59 to the end of the pavement. Trustee Germane inquired as to whether this plan was due to financial considerations versus a full buildout of the road. Manager Luce stated that the LCRC regards this as a fix for the road and they do not feel the subgrade in this area is in need of repair. Manager Luce stated that Blaine Road was closed today as the County was doing culvert improvements as part of this project and financially this plan is advantageous to both the County and Hartland Township. A brief discussion was held on the speed limit of Blaine Rd. and through the subdivision area of the road. Manager Luce stated that after the repaving they will post 35 mph signs for this road. They do not recognize the homes in this area as a subdivision and will not post that area at 25 mph. Manager Luce gave a brief overview of some Township Hall improvements, such as adding an exit door in the Treasurer's office into the file room and replacing the exterior door in the file room. We have also received painting quotes for the main hallway and the Board Room which were very favorable. Manager Luce also stated we were trying to set up our Board/Planning Commission joint meeting in June or July. He gave an update on the Settler's Park paving project stating that two large pre-scheduled events at the pavilion and some recent vandalism had slightly altered the projected schedule. He did state they will be adding some cement bollards around the existing pole in that parking lot. Manager Luce stated the LPR cameras have assisted the police in solving another ten incidents.

Manager Luce briefly discussed a possible grant for a Fire Authority project, and he has been working with Elissa Slotkin's office, but due to the fact that we do not have an actual plan for the use of grant funds we would not be eligible this year. This grant is available every year so we would be able to apply for it in 2025 for funding in 2026. We would need to firm up a plan for a Fire Authority project that we could submit for grant funding. Manager Luce stated there was a Lake Tyrone Improvement Board meeting last week to discuss a new three-year assessment to fund treatment measures for the lake and to hire a consultant to monitor the process. There was support for dredging the lake and Manager Luce reached out to the consultant to get a price for a feasibility study to get a cost for dredging the lake and between the feasibility study and the potential cost of dredging the lake, it was deemed cost prohibitive. The overall cost for the consultant and treatment of the lake did go up but the residents approved this, and it will go to the County Clerk's office and be placed on their summer taxes. Manager Luce stated there was a consent judgement for building on the Old US-23 Bergin Rd. corner with one option being a proposed LGBO sanitary system, which only one community in the state is considering at this time, which did not seem feasible. Basically, they came back a plan to allow Light Industrial and Research & Development along Old US-23 with single family residential in the back. Trustee O'Connell inquired as to whether we would be providing water and sewer to this site and Manager Luce stated the consent judgement will include a provision that if water and sewer becomes available in this area, they can connect to it. Manager Luce requested a six-month performance review for the next Board meeting. Supervisor Fountain gave a brief overview of the review process. Manager Luce also stated he is available should the Compensation Committee need any assistance regarding the evaluation of the Elected Officials compensation. Trustee Germane and Trustee O'Connell inquired as to measures that can be taken at the parks regarding the recent vandalism at Settler's Park. Manager Luce stated we will be looking at split rail fencing, gating, and camera upgrades.

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10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Germane, 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

Submitted by



Larry N. Ciofu, Clerk