

HARTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING FINAL MINUTES
April 21, 2020 – 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Colaianne, Trustee Harper

ABSENT: Trustee Germane, Trustee Petrucci

Also present was Township Manager James Wickman, Public Works Director Robert West and Project Coordinator Andrew Kumar

3. Approval of the Agenda

Move to approve the agenda for the April 21, 2020 Hartland Township Board meeting as presented.

Motion made by Treasurer Horning, Seconded by Trustee Colaianne.

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Colaianne, Trustee Harper

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Petrucci, Trustee Germane

Motion passes: 5-0-2

4. Call to the Public

Frank Crouse commented via video. He congratulated the Board on implementing the video conference and went on to state that the pandemic is threatening Hartland businesses like never before. He stated that the problems that existed before the pandemic are still there and may be amplified now. He stated that in the attempt by the Hartland Business Association (HBA) to bring about a better business climate it was clear to the HBA that the Board was not interested in working with the HBA to bring about constructive change in the business climate. He stated the Board has done some things in the interim, such as taking away the business surveys as though they never existed and simply declaring Hartland to be business friendly without making structural changes. He stated that in the post COVID-19 environment we could lose all of Hartland's sit-down restaurants, and the Waldenwoods wedding business could disappear. He stated the HBA is fielding, or supporting, three candidates to run for the Hartland Township Board because the HBA thinks there needs to be a change on the Board. He stated he would like to have some of the incumbents be supportive of changes that are necessary, if there is to be constructive change that makes a difference. He stated that it is the HBA's job to make sure that Hartland has a better business climate and he believes the HBA's positions are mainstream Republican positions based on free enterprise. He wanted the record to show that the HBA is willing to work with a constructive Board. He cited his position that Kroger is not committed to Hartland and when its lease expires in two-three years they could well be gone. He stated Ramco has tried to develop, but in the recent commercial business study there was a problem expressing Ramco, because they did not qualify as a shopping center after 10 years in business because they had only one retail store. He concluded that there were problems in the business climate and the HBA was committed to bringing about constructive change and he welcomed some members of the Board in supporting their position. He thanked the Board for its time in letting him talk.

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5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Move to approve the consent agenda for the April 21, 2020 Hartland Township Board meeting as presented.

Motion made by Trustee Harper, Seconded by Trustee Colaianne.

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Colaianne, Trustee Harper

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Petrucci, Trustee Germane Motion passes: 5-0-2

- a. Approve Post Audit of Disbursements Between Board Meetings
- b. Approve Payment of Bills
- c. Approve 03/24/2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- d. Approve Communications Budget Amendment (\$2,664 decrease)
- e. Approve Chloride Solutions Quote for Road Chloride
- f. Approve Sewer Billing Credit for Hartland Marketplace (\$10,565.42)

6. Pending & New Business

- a. Resolution to Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature

Move to adopt the resolution urging Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature to protect public health and safely reopen the economy.

Manager Wickman brought up the Resolution on the video screen and then read the Resolution to the public.

Motion made by Treasurer Horning, Seconded by Trustee Harper.

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Colaianne, Trustee Harper

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Petrucci, Trustee Germane Motion passes: 5-0-2

7. Board Reports

Trustee Harper - No report.

Treasurer Horning - No report.

Trustee Colaianne - No report.

Clerk Ciofu - No report.

Supervisor Fountain - No report.

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8. Information / Discussion

- a. Manager's Report

Manager Wickman stated that this video format will probably be used for the May Board meetings and the Admin Committee will discuss the agenda to determine if the first meeting in May will be necessary. The Directors will be discussing what it will entail to get the Township Hall safely open again at tomorrow's Directors meeting, should the Governor's Orders allow for this to happen.

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Manager Wickman stated that he and Supervisor Fountain attended a virtual meeting with the County and other Supervisors on this same issue and there were many alternatives suggested. He also stated the Large Item Clean Up Day scheduled for May 16, 2020 has been cancelled and will probably be moved to the fall. Manager Wickman is still having discussions on the water main extension with Mayberry Homes, Hartland Glen and PIHRL. Mayberry, PIHRL and Redwood Homes are getting ready for the Planning Commission in the near future.

9. Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:21. p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Harper, seconded by Trustee Colaianne.

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Colaianne, Trustee Harper

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Germane, Trustee Petrucci

Motion passes: 5-0-2.

Submitted by:



Larry N. Ciofu
Clerk