

HARTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING FINAL MINUTES
August 05, 2020 – 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 Colaianne, Trustee Germane, Trustee Harper, Trustee Petrucci

ABSENT: None

Also present were Public Works Director Robert West and Finance Director Susan Dryden-Hogan.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Move to approve the agenda for the August 5, 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 Germane, Trustee Harper, Trustee Petrucci

Voting Nay: None.

5. Call to the Public

No one came forward.

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Move to approve the consent agenda for the August 5, 2020, Hartland Township Board meeting as presented.

Motion made by Trustee Colaianne, Seconded by Trustee Harper.

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

Voting Nay: None.

- a. Approve Payment of Bills
- b. Approve Post Audit of Disbursements Between Board Meetings
- c. Water Tower Vent Improvements (\$7,800)

7. Pending & New Business

No pending and new business tonight.

8. Board Reports

Trustee Colaianne – Stated that it has been a pleasure serving on the Hartland Township Board for the last 16 years, and serving the public and being part of this Board has been a real joy for him. He stated that he worked with a lot of municipal bodies, and that this group here, with all of our experience, professionalism, and what we bring to the table is second to none. He commended and thanked the Board on their work and their further involvement in community organizations.

Trustee Germane - No report.

Trustee Harper – Stated he agreed with everything Trustee Colaianne just said and that he did want to thank everyone for bringing him onto this Board. He truly believes that everyone on this Board thinks a lot about the community and that we always put the community first. We think

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about the businesses and how decisions impact all of the businesses. He commended the Board on their work and wished everyone good luck and stated that he will miss it. He hoped that everyone keeps working together to keep this a great Township.

Trustee Petrucci – Stated that though Trustee Colaianne and Trustee Harper may have lost the primary election, this Township still needs you. There all kinds of Boards and Committees and things that you can be very helpful for in this community. He stated that being on this Board is not just coming to two meetings a month, there is a lot more involved with it and there is a place in this community for you. There could still be three new trustees because we have a General Election coming up. He hopes that whomever the new trustees are come November understand that it is just not one or two hours a month coming to a Board meeting. It's all the Committees that you participate on, all of the other Boards in the community you are involved with, the hours and hours and late night meetings and investigations that are needed to come here and make decisions for the benefit of the community.

Clerk Ciofu – Stated that this Board still has several months of work that we have to do, so he is going to save his thanks to Trustee Harper and Trustee Colaianne for their wonderful work for a later point in time. He then provided a brief update on the August election. The Livingston County overall voter turnout was 38%, with Hartland Township turnout at 43%. We had around 3100 absentee voters and 1900 voters at the polls. We had 532 absentee ballots that did not come back in time or at all. We have a permanent absentee voter list that was initially at 1600 people when we started, that is now at 3600 due to the forms that were sent out by the State. We will be sending out AV apps to 3600 people for any election going forward from now on. He thanked all of the Chairpersons and all the Election Workers for the fine job they all did given the circumstances. He also stated he would really, really, like to thank the voters that showed up at the polls. He estimated that 99% of voters wore their masks and did a good job at trying to maintain social distancing. He thanked and commended the voters for taking such great safety precautions.

Supervisor Fountain - The Large Item Clean up day is still scheduled for September 19, from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Public Works Director Robert West confirmed that PPE will be provided to all workers and we will encourage people that they do not even need to get out of their cars. We are going to minimize contact and maximize social distancing at this event.

Treasurer Horning -stated she will also save her thanks for Trustee Colaianne and Trustee Harper for a later date. She reported that the Farmers Market has been fantastic this year. The Market has more vendors and people this year. It is held every Saturday from 9 am until 2 pm in the Rural King Parking Lot and will go through mid-October.

[BRIEF RECESS]

9. Information / Discussion

d. Township Update

Supervisor Fountain reported that the State of the Township may be a State of the Community in conjunction with the Partners in Progress and he will be reaching out to E-Magine to see if we can work something out within the current executive orders. DTE is interested in using the Clyde Rd/US-23 site to store trucks while they are working on a local project. He also gave a brief update on potential paving projects in the future including Clyde Rd., Pleasant Valley, and Bergin. He stated that he thought the LCRC received federal funds to pave old US-23 from the Brighton Township line to Bergin road. He also gave an update on the Car-Rite easement. Director West gave a brief overview of the graffiti policy being developed. Supervisor Fountain gave a brief update on the Manager search and stated that Finance Director Dryden-Hogan should have the final Township audit report soon. Trustee Germane inquired as to the condition of one of the Township trucks and Director West stated that the bed of the truck needed repair, but the truck is still running well and is serving its purpose well. Trustee Germane was also concerned with the use of the parks and maintaining the Metropark guidelines.

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10. Closed Session

- e. To review the written legal opinion of the Township Attorney, subject to attorney client privilege

Move to go into closed session pursuant to section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss a confidential written legal opinion with the Township Attorney, the Township Finance Director, and the Township Director of Public Works.

Motion made by Trustee Harper, Seconded by Trustee Colaianne. Roll call vote taken.

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

Voting Nay: None. Motion passes: 7-0-0

Board is in closed session at 7:20 p.m.

Board came out of closed session at 8:20 p.m.

Supervisor Fountain provided the Township update summarized in Section 9.d.

11. Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Harper, Seconded by Trustee Colaianne.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Submitted by:



Larry N. Ciofu
Clerk