

HARTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP FINAL MINUTES
October 7, 2019 – 4:00 PM

Call to Order – THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR WILLIAM FOUNTAIN AT 4:00 PM

Roll Call

PRESENT: Larry N. Ciofu, William Fountain, Kathie Horning, Joe Colaianne, Matt Germane, Glenn Harper,
Joe Petrucci

ABSENT: None

Also present was Township Manager James Wickman, Communications Director Lynn Vollbrecht and Project Coordinator Andrew Kumar.

State of the Township Address

Supervisor Fountain called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked Emagine Theater for providing the venue for the fifth annual State of the Township Address and then recognized the Township Board of Trustees. He introduced State Senator Hank Vaupel and Mona Shand, representing Elissa Slotkin's Congressional Office and thanked those in attendance for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend today's event. Supervisor Fountain gave an overview of the Partners in Progress group consisting of the Hartland Area Consolidated Schools, the Hartland Chamber of Commerce, the Cromaine Library and Hartland Township. This group meets twice a year to discuss the issues that are going on in the township, to establish communication lines to identify common goals that we all are trying to achieve, and to develop marketing strategies for our community as a whole. From these meetings the Hartland Living – A Community Connected brand was created. This past year the Partners in Progress developed the HartlandLiving website, basically a one stop shop for all of the activities going on in the Hartland community. Supervisor Fountain recognized Ceci Marlow from Cromaine Library, who has been actively involved with the Partners in Progress and is an active member of many community events in Hartland. He wished her well in her upcoming retirement and thanked her for all of the work she has done in the community. Supervisor Fountain then gave a brief overview of the growth in Hartland and the approach to Smart Growth, where "Quality Planning meets Community Values, Sound Planning and Harmonious Land Use" and the work of the Planning Commission in this effort. He gave a brief overview of the Road Millage, traffic concerns, and future road projects. Supervisor Fountain then provided a brief summary of the goal to be "Business Friendly, Business Ready" and our efforts in bringing in Bob Gibbs, a nationally renowned Retail Market Planner. The Retail Market Analysis video was then presented to the audience in which Mr. Gibbs "put Hartland in the top five percent of places we've been in terms of the quality of the buildings, the signage, the landscaping, the street design, the parking lots, lighting and all of that are really amongst the top we have seen in our practice." Supervisor Fountain then gave an overview of the recent, future, and ongoing development in Hartland, walkable residential growth, and public hearings we hold for all developments in the township. Supervisor Fountain reviewed our approach to being Fiscally Friendly, highlighting the Townships initiative in lowering the interest rate on the M-59 Road Bonds that saved developers over \$845,000 in interest on the balance of their bonds. In addition, the Millpointe Road Special Assessment costs were around \$200,000 under budget, which provided an over \$1,000 refund to 200 plus homeowners in the subdivision. He stated that one of the goals of the Township Board was to come up with a percentage of the General Fund revenue that we would invest back into the community, for parks, sidewalks and other projects. This goal was set at 22% of the General Fund revenue and this goal was met thanks to the work of the Board of Trustees and the Township Staff. Supervisor Fountain then gave a brief overview of our Family Friendly environment, highlighting Settler's Park, Heritage Park, and Spranger Field and the events that are held at these parks that have a ripple effect on the economy of the community. He also highlighted some of the special events held in the community, such as the sixth annual Winterfest in February, the Memorial Day Parade, and the Settler's Park's Playground groundbreaking ceremony. Supervisor Fountain also highlighted the Hartland Consolidated School system, which ranked in the top 3 percent of Michigan's safest schools, the top 5 percent of the state's overall best school districts and has a teaching staff the ranks in the top sixth percentile in the state. He also gave a brief overview of the upcoming Citizen's Survey that we do every three years and that this should come out at the end of the month. Supervisor Fountain then introduced the Volunteer

of the Year video highlighting the Volunteer of the Year candidates and announcing the winner of this year's Volunteer of the Year, Karen Quinn.

Stefanie Furge of Cromaine Library then presented Karen Quinn with the Volunteer of the Year Award for her work with Hartland SOUP and the Hartland Volunteers, a group she organized to provide local youth the opportunity to give back to the community by helping those in need. Supervisor Fountain again thanked everyone for attending today's event and stated that the Board would be around to answer questions.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kathie Horning, Treasurer
SECONDER:	Larry Ciofu, Clerk
AYES:	Ciofu, Fountain, Horning, Colaianne, Germane, Harper, Petrucci

Submitted by,



Larry N. Ciofu
Clerk