

**Hampton Township Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2015**

Attendance:

Chair: Bernie Pistner
Supervisor: Doug Wille
Supervisor: Jim Sipe
Treasurer; Leo Nicolai
Deputy Clerk: Bob Reinardy

Meeting was called to order at 7:43 P.M. by Bernie Pistner, Chair, with the pledge of allegiance, using the consent agenda with the exception of approving the claims.

Motion was made by Doug Wille to approve the routine items on the consent agenda, including the minutes to the January 27 regular meeting, and the February 4 Budget and Audit meeting, seconded by Jim Sipe. Motion approved.

Minutes and Treasurers report were signed.

Motion made by Doug Wille to approve claims 5077-5087, seconded by Jim Sipe. Checks were signed.

Bernie Pistner turned the meeting over to Jim Sipe to conduct. Jim opened the floor to public comment.

Heather Arndt (e-mail: harndt@okstate.edu) from Hader, representing Citizens Concerned About Rail Line (CCARL) spoke regarding Tier 1 of ZipRail line from Twin Cities to Rochester. She noted townships are not being invited to serve on Tech. Advisory Committee. She states townships can serve on Community Advisory Committee, and she was seeking applicants so rural areas and townships are represented. Deadline to apply is 2/27/15. Committee should consist of about 20-25 members. They are concerned about such things as stray voltage, parcels being carved up, along with other issues. Website for more information is: [www. goziprail.org](http://www.goziprail.org).

Jason Otte provided the Road Report. He mentioned that they did some sanding, but there has been little snow to deal with, and that things are in fair shape.

Synopsis was provided by Jim Sipe and Bob Reinardy regarding the Planning Commission Meeting of 2/9/15. Tom Walters requested information covering two PID's. He wanted to know minimum lot sizes, information regarding clustering, density, shared septic systems and wells, etc. Planning Commission answered all of his questions. (See Planning Commission Minutes of 2/9/15 for detail of information provided to him.)

Jim Sipe discussed the Halweg Property decision. There was much discussion regarding sections 402 and 509, effective dates of lots-of-record,, and fixing the intent of the ordinance. Doug pointed out that township board can interpret ordinances and rule as they see fit, but that he also felt that the April 21,1982 should be recognized as the proper date to follow. Jim pointed out that the planning commission felt the same way. (see old business for continuing discussion and action planned regarding ordinance updating.)

Old Business:

Discussion continued on Halweg property and fixing ordinance to clarify a lot of record as prior to April 21, 1982 being the effective date. Jim states township needs to tell Troy Gilchrist exactly what the township wants. Jim asked Troy to address the Halweg issue, and to also address divided properties which create sub-standard lots. Doug asked Jim that communications with the legal field be conducted by email and copied to all board members so there is a written record of what is said and to provide current information to the board members.

Jim Sipe pointed out how we need to clean up ordinances. He referenced a 2007 addendum regarding frontage-requirement changes as they pertain to houses built 300 feet from road. He found no record of this in the ordinance record, and this was disturbing. He asked what precipitated this change, but there was no clear reason found. Jim will talk to attorney to go through ordinance book and find other areas that need attention. Board agrees that ordinances need to be cleaned up. Jim will ask Jeanne as to how to proceed with public hearing notices at the point which they will be required if and when changes will be made.

Jim said Gilchrist should also look at ordinances to determine if there are any rules that may pertain to construction and the number of driveways permitted on a property.

Jim Sipe asked what the capacity of Dean Johnson was to the township and was told he writes all of our ordinances. Jim said he will only deal with Troy Gilchrist's law firm, as we should only be utilizing one firm when trying to fix our ordinances.

Jim Sipe will talk with Troy Gilchrist regarding utility payments to establish an escrow account to cover township costs on CAP X project. Troy sent a proposal to CAP X, and they changed some things and sent it back to him. Troy did not like their changes, and he is still looking at it.

New Business:

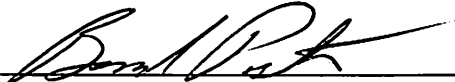
There have been some complaints covering MnSpect and the manner in which they have been performing inspections and conducting business.. Jeanne will be asked to procure some more information as to the nature of the complaints, ie, who issued the complaints, and ask them to provide specifics as to the reasons that drove the complaint. Doug reviewed the contract with MnSpect.

Leo referenced a portion of the Budget and Audit Meeting minutes which reads date of levy as 2017. and that it should read as 2016. **Motion made by Doug Wille to have the minutes corrected to read levy date of 2016, seconded by Bernie Pistner. Motion approved.** Bob will provide a copy of minutes to Jeanne and ask her to correct the date to 2016.

Upcoming meeting schedule: March 10 Annual Meeting. March 17 Orgainzational/regular meeting.

Doug Wile made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bernie Pistner. Motion approve

DATE _____

CHAIR
Bernie Pistner  _____

DEPUTY CLERK
Bob Reinardy _____

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT

March 17, 2015 (February's Business)

Beginning Balance: \$341,889.81

INCOME:

Dakota County - Tax Distrubution	\$5,441.88
Dakota County – Tire Disposal Reimbursement	3,879.00
Account Interest:	<u>65.28</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$9386.16

EXPENSES:

Robert Reinardy – Dep. Clerk Wages	\$ 379.56
Jeanne Werner – Clerk Wages	1074.95
CNS Solutions – Website	87.50
Otte Excavating – Road Maintenance	2651.00
Dakota County Twp. Officers Assoc – 2015 JPA Pump Maint.	962.28
Cannon Falls Beacon – Notice	31.00
Randolph-Hampton FD – Fire Protection	25,223.00
Cannon Falls FD – Fire Protection	7600.66
Citizen's Bank MN – March Rent	500.00
Don Kimmes – 2014 Cemetary Mowing	495.00
Scott Harris – Computer Repair	25.00
Century Link – Phone	73.55
Service Charge:	<u>11.21</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$39,214.71

CHECKBOOK BALANCE:

\$312,061.26

Checks Not In (3) \$9062.94

Balance Per 2/28/2015 Bank Statement: \$321,124.20



Bernard Pistner, Chair

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Leo Nicolai, Treasurer

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