

**THE HAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
August 17, 2010 7:30 P.M.**

Attendance

Chair	Doug Wille
Supervisor	Donna Otto
Supervisor	Bob Leifeld
Clerk	Jeanne Werner
Treasurer	Leo Nicolai

This meeting was called to order by Doug Wille, Chair at 7:34 P.M. with the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, using the consent agenda with the exception of approving the claims.

A motion was made by Donna Otto and seconded by Bob Leifeld to approve the routine items on the consent agenda and to approve the balance of the agenda with the exception of the claims. Motion was unanimously passed.

The minutes and the Treasurers report were signed.

A motion to approve the claims number 4291 to 4311 was made by Bob Leifeld and seconded by Donna Otto and unanimously passed. Checks were signed.

Harold (Nick) Peine has requested a permit for a 52,000 bushel bin. **Doug Wille made a motion to approve the permit for Harold Peine, seconded by Donna Otto and unanimously passed.**

Jim Carlson was in agreement to enforce the ordinances and was asking why we did not have the agreement signed between the township and Dakota County Sheriff's office. It was the Boards understanding is that is we use the Sherriff's department at all, we would be charged a hourly rate. The agreement was originally signed but was not finished when the county had asked for a list of ordinance that the township wanted enforced. There was a Sheriff from Dakota County present and had no comment and requested a copy of the agreement to do some more research. Doug Wille had asked if the Sherriff's department would send someone to one of the next meetings to explain the agreement for there were some questions.

Road Report: Jason Otte was present at the meeting. There is a culvert issue on Lewiston and Nick and Angel Weiland's driveway. It was suggested that maybe they should put the culvert back under 225th but not sure if there is not enough height. The ditch would have to be dug deeper. Also, a suggestion was made to put a bigger culvert under driveway. Doug Wille directed to Jason Otte to do some



investigation and get back to us. Jason Otte stated that Fischer Avenue will be graveled next week and the rock will be going down. Candace Schaffer was asking if the chloride will be applied again in the fall. Bob Leifeld explained that it was a one-time application and no further chloride will be applied.

Bob Leifeld made a motion to have the Otte Excavating look further into the water drainage on Lewiston & 225th, seconded by Donna Otto and unanimously passed.

Jim Carlson stated that approximately six weeks ago that he saw machines working and was taking clay materials out of the pit. He stated that they stated at 5:30 am until 9:30 pm. He also explained they have issues in the water table. He explained his water nitrates were at 4 and currently they are over 20 nitrates. He had a dirty water sample with him. Donna Otto explained to him that the board did not know anything about it until they received a call from Jim Carlson on Saturday morning of the prior week. Angel Weiland had questioned if they are going to keep it a pit for the pit was for sale. Donna Otto explained that she sent the current company the ordinance regarding transfer of land on page 58 of the ordinance book, letter g, #2. Donna also explained per Michael Ruetten from Dakota County that the rights to continue of running a gravel pit does not follow the sale.

Jim Carlson stated that his ground water is contaminated and was wondering why the township could not shut them down. He stated that this could be a life threatening deal. Donna Otto suggested that we send a letter to Marge Beissel to stop the operation until further investigation has been completed. Jim Carlson also stated that they are surface mining which is illegal in Dakota County. He stated that this was not excavating, it was mining of blue clay. Total Construction volunteered to pay for Jim Carlson well. The residents feel that the contractor needs to put the clay liner back to protect the water table. Jim Carlson also stated that the property is in the Vermillion Watershed. Angel Weiland was wondering what she is to do if she see's anyone back in the pit. It was discussed that the board is to issue a letter to Marge Beissel and not have the residents handle it. Doug Wille stated that some damage is done and the County and DNR should be involved and if it is indeed in the Vermillion Water Shed, they would be in violation. Jeremy Irrthum explained on page 58 of ordinance book, we need to send a letter to owner of operation within 60 days. Doug Wille will be calling the county and the DNR tomorrow. **Doug Wille made a motion to send a certified letter to Marge Beissel and cc our township attorney to shut down the operation in the Beissel Pit until further investigation was completed, seconded by Bob Leifeld and unanimously passed.**

The board had discussed having the agricultural applications filled out and submitted along with a sketch from the applicant on the setbacks to the nearest neighbor and closest road. If the setbacks are questionable, the inspector will be called to measure. **Doug Wille made a motion to add on the agricultural application the request of a sketch of the setbacks, seconded by Bob Leifeld and unanimously passed.**

Hauling Permits out of the townships pits were discussed. Currently, the annual permit fee for trucks hauling out of the pits and using township roads is \$500.00. Donna Otto had discussed that if there is more than one company hauling out of the pits, it should be \$500.00 per company. There was also discussion about requiring all pits to have a scale. This issue will be discussed at a later date.

Jeanne Werner, clerk had asked about hiring someone to paint the town hall. She was to ask Mike Thurmes if he would be interested. **Doug Wille made a motion, seconded by Donna Otto to allow Jeanne to hire the painting done to the town hall. It was unanimously passed.**



Bob Bedard had explained that his property insurance has increased due to the protection class he is currently in. He had a petition signed by local neighbors, requesting that the fire department to be changed from Cannon Falls to Hampton/Randolph Fire Department. It is a lot closer and would be cheaper insurance for the resident. After discussion, it was tabled until next township meeting to see if we could break the contract with Cannon Falls in regards to changing the Hampton section lines.

The clerk had received a call requesting a house number change. The prospect buyer for a house in the township that is for sale has requested the last number of a 5 house number to be change from a 3 to a 5 for cultural reasons. Discussion was made regarding the time and cost it would take to make the change. **Doug Wille made a motion to deny the request to change the house number, seconded by Donna Otto. It was unanimously passed.**

The fall primary elections were discussed. Eunice Schiller was hired to help assist Connie Backstrom in the August elections. It was discussed that Eunice Schiller will no longer be needed for the fall primary elections. Connie Backstrom has agreed to become the Election Administrator for the Fall Primaries. It was directed to the clerk to type a letter of appreciation and to terminate the assistance position. **Doug Wille made a motion, seconded by Bob Leifeld to send a letter to Eunice Schiller thanking her for her service and to terminate the position of the assistance to the Election Administrator. It was unanimously passed.**

OPEN FORUM:

A resident had asked about getting a burning permit. She was directed to go the fire department for the permit for the township does not issue them.

Casondra Schaffer had brought in gopher feet to be counted. The clerk directed her to fill out the "Gopher Feet Form" of our website and submit for payment.

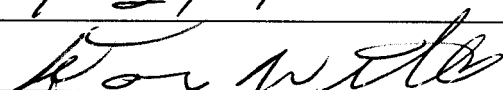
Active Gravel Pits in the township was discussed. A resident was wondering who is in charge of regulating the operating pits. The pits are registered by the county and the state.

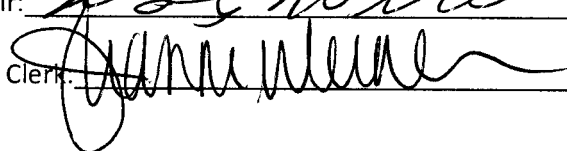
Bob Leifeld made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Donna Otto. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jeanne Werner, Clerk
Hampton Township

Date Signed: 9-21-16

Doug Wille, Chair: 

Jeanne Werner, Clerk: 

HAMPTON TOWNSHIPS TREASURER'S REPORT

September 21, 2010 - August's Business

Beginning Balance:

\$204,535.50

INCOME:

G. Endres – Permit	\$ 60.00
H. Peine – Permit	75.00
J. Boe – Permit	190.24
B. May – Hearing	1,000.00
M. Reed – Permit	75.50
C. Clanton – Permit	75.00
Account Interest	<u>33.72</u>

TOTAL INCOME:

\$1,509.46

EXPENSES:

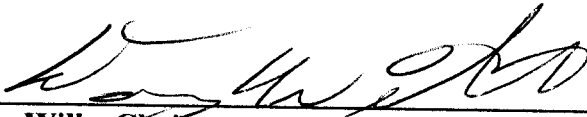
Century Link - phone	\$ 82.58
Postmaster – Annual Box Fee	56.00
PERA - Interest	10.00
Cannon Falls Beacon – legals	16.80
Rivertown Newspapers – legals	26.75
Quality Propane – Chloride	10,302.39
Habeck Web – Website	25.00
Upper Midwest Mgmt. – Sept. Rent	475.00
MN Spect – Permits	623.83
Otte Excavating – Road Work	7,544.00
Election Judges	1,016.10
Bank Service Charge	<u>12.05</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$20,290.50

CHECK BOOK BALANCE:

\$185,754.46

Checks Not In (1) \$100.00

Balance Per Bank Statement 8-31-2010: \$185,854.46



Doug Wille, Chair

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Leo Nicolai, Treasurer

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