

HAY TOWNSHIP
Unapproved Minutes of July 9, 2020

The Hay Township Board met on Thursday, July 9, 2020, for the regular scheduled board meeting by electronic remote access. Supervisor Thomas Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Monaghan present, Priemer present, Olson present, Kludt present, Mudge present. All board members were present by electronic remote access.

1st Public Comments: Andre wants to do Zoom meetings.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Supervisor Olson, support by Clerk Priemer to approve the minutes as written. M/C.

Warrants/Payments: Monthly Warrants were reviewed. Motion by Trustee Monaghan, support by Trustee Mudge to pay monthly warrants. M/C.

- **New Business—Birna Trail Resolution #5—Motion by Clerk Priemer, support by Supervisor Olson to approve Birna Trail Resolution #5. Roll Call Vote—Monaghan yes, Priemer yes, Olson yes, Kludt yes, Mudge yes. M/C.**
- **Election Workers for Aug. 4 Primary—Kathie Hart, Carol Caron, Corey Cuddie, Wanda Raymer and Nancy Thorp.**
- **Assessor Corey Cuddie—Board of Review—July 21 meeting at the Hay Twp. Hall. Governor Whitmer is allowing property owners to protest their property values, but Corey does not have the authority to adjust taxes at this B.O.R. Assessor Cuddie is working with other assessors and Equalization Dept. to come up with a plan for 2021 for anyone affected by the flood. Corey also warned the township to be cautious about their budget due to the tax revenue being greatly reduced due to the damaged homes from the flood. Trustee Monaghan suggested putting an explanation together and placing in the newspaper and on the Hay Twp. Website. Assessor Corey will put something together. Andre commented that instead of adjusting taxable values on properties, we should be concentrating on restoring the water. Discussion followed.**
- **New Deputy Treasurer—Carol Malek has been selected as the new Deputy Treasurer and needs to be added to the Chemical Bank’s signature paperwork so she can sign checks when necessary. Mark Mudge also needs to be removed from the Chemical Bank’s signature paperwork. Treasurer Kludt thanked Mark for his service as Deputy Treasurer.**
- **Four Lakes Task Force Update, Trustee Mudge—A regular meeting of the FLTF on behalf of FLSAD will be held Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. through a webinar. To register and receive access information go to four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com The task force has received board approval of Midland and Gladwin Counties to proceed with condemnation of the Boyce Hydro properties. The task force also expects Boyce to file bankruptcy due to lack of income since no electric production, mounting expenses and claims for the breach.**

USDI, a federal agency is concerned about the endangered species snuffbox mussel. They will require a survey by a qualified biologist before the water can be raised. They also feel the mussel was harmed and harassed in violation of regulation because of the previous drawdowns.

Secord and Smallwood Dam's emergency inspections were filed but not made public because of critical information (CEII) concerns. Sanford dam is expected to be filed July 14th with anticipated CEII. FLTF requested the previous filed reports be reviewed by FERC for possible disclosure.

Trustee Mudge highly recommends watching the webinar on July 16 to get answers to questions. Mudge stated estimated repairs need to be submitted to the government and there may be additional guidelines necessary concerning lake levels.

Condemnation was explained as taking ownership away from Boyce by a condemnation hearing where a circuit court judge would make a decision on the issue. Discussion. Mudge explained there were safety concerns with spillways being 95 years old and the concrete is not up to today's standards. The gates should also be replaced and there are erosion problems along the sides. Trustee Mudge stated there are a lot of repairs needed.

Trustee Monaghan inquired as to who would pay for the repairs to the Smallwood Dam. Mudge stated there would be grants and private donations and federal government money as well.

Andre inquired about the Wixom Lake Dam costs and where the money would come from. Trustee Mudge repeated that a lot of questions would be covered during the July 16 webinar. Mudge stated there were many steps involved with the necessary studies to be done, FERC's recommendations and approval. A lot of reports need to be redone due to the 500-year flood. Andre wanted to know what our assessments would look like and Trustee Mudge stated it was unknown at this time and we would probably not know the answer to that question for a couple of years. Discussion followed.

- Adjourn—Motion by Supervisor Olson, support by Clerk Priemer to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. M/C. The next board meeting will be on August 13th at 7:00 p.m.
Sandra Priemer, Hay Township Clerk