

5 May 2010 Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:30p.m. by Chairman, Terry Erber, in the Township Hall.

Present: Caroline Kobylczak, Frank D. Wasylewski, Terry Erber, Staci Payton and Ross Payton.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Clerk. A motion by Caroline Kobylczak and seconded by Terry Erber to accept the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	\$196,929.95 Checking	\$107,760.01 Road Fund
	11,873.79 Money Market	
	<u>114,860.56</u> CDs	\$ 3,963.04 Fire Debt
	\$323,664.30 TOTAL	

A motion by Frank D. Wasylewski to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, and seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk reported that he received a telephone call from Claudia Roland regarding an abandoned tool crib trailer located across the road from their property on Magee Road by Myrtle Lane. She would like the township to do something about it.

MTA is presenting a workshop on effective policies and procedures.

Received literature from Landplan Inc, a company offering planning & zoning services.

FORECLOSED PROPERTY:

The Treasurer presented a letter from the County Treasurer listing a parcel of land in the township that was foreclosed upon in Circuit Court. Under the General Property Tax Act, the township has the right, after the State, to purchase the property. However, if the township purchases a property under this process and later sells it for more than the purchase price, plus the cost of any improvements, the excess proceeds are due back to the Treasurer to replenish the tax foreclosure fund.

The foreclosed parcel is a forty acre parcel in section 24 and the amount owed is \$2,333.65. The parcel is believed to be a very nice and heavily wooded parcel off Coash Road. The Board feels it could be beneficial for recreational use such as walking trails and mushrooming. A reply must be submitted by May 24th.

After discussion, a motion by Frank D Wasylewski to purchase foreclosed parcel, 008-024-011-10, for \$2,333.65, conditional upon the discretion of the supervisor after making a site review of said parcel. Motion supported by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

IRON BRIDGE:

A letter was received from the Charlevoix County Road Commission informing the township that they have reached an agreement with Robert E. Lee to eliminate water flooding over Iron Bridge Road caused by a beaver dam on Mr. Lee's property. The terms are: \$850 fee to remove the beaver dam, \$30 per beaver removed, CCRC will install posts and woven wire fence across river on south side of bridge and CCRC will install two, "Thru Traffic Only" signs on either side of Iron Bridge.

The Road Commission requests that Hudson Township pay 50% of the cost of removing the beaver dam (\$425) and 100% cost for the length of woven wire fence used. The CCRC will furnish labor, equipment, signs and beaver removal fees.

After much discussion, the Township Board stands opposed to the conditions of the agreement and feel that it is not the correct solution. The Board feels that the CCRC should not expend public funds on what is considered private property. The Board is not only opposed to the placement of "Thru Traffic Only" signs, but also the foregoing of CCRC policy for non regulatory signs whereas approval must first come through the Township. The Board also questions why the matter was not turned over to the County Prosecuting Attorney instead of paying for an attorney to reach an agreement.

A motion by Terry Erber that Hudson Township not pay any of the expenses as requested from Charlevoix County Road Commission to repair the water flooding problem on Iron Bridge Road, and stands opposed to the CCRC expending County funds for what the Board considers to be private property. Motion seconded by Ross Payton. All in favor, motion carried. The Clerk will send a written response.

SPRING CLEAN UP:

The spring clean up was once again well attended. Marlene Guerin suggested that we only get seven containers next year as it seems people are bringing less, hopefully meaning that overall the township is getting cleaned up.

NO SMOKING LAW:

Effective May 1st, all public buildings in Michigan are now smoke free, including the township hall, regardless of its usage. No smoking signs will be placed at the entrances, all ash trays have been removed and renters have been informed.

CENSUS:

The township hall was used for four days last week by the Census Bureau to train field workers.

ROAD BRINE:

The Chairman reported that road brine will be applied during May.

BALLOT PROPOSALS

The road millage expired with the last tax collection. The Board held discussion on presenting a renewal request to the electors at the August Primary Election. The following proposal was presented:

WHEREAS, the Hudson Township Board, in the interest of providing for the maintenance and improvement of the roads in Hudson Township; and

WHEREAS, townships may provide for road maintenance and improvements, and may impose and levy ad valorem property taxes to finance such public services, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Hudson wishes to levy up to 2 mills for the maintenance and improvement of the roads in Hudson Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of Hudson Township, Charlevoix County, do hereby approve the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the 3 August 2010 election ballot:

This proposal will permit the Township to restore the Township’s 2 mills for road improvements previously approved by the electors and now expired. This ballot proposal renews the existing 2 mills.

“Shall the previously voted increase in the 15 mill tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Hudson Township be renewed up to 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for four (4) years, 2010 through 2013 inclusive, for the purpose of road maintenance and improvements; and shall the Township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$78,558.?”

Motion by Staci Payton that Hudson Township adopt the resolution for proposed millage renewal, supported by Caroline Kobylczak.

ROLL CALL:	Terry Erber	Aye
	Caroline Kobylczak	Aye
	Frank D Wasylewski	Aye
	Staci Payton	Aye
	Ross Payton	Aye

Resolution declared adopted this 5th day of May 2010.

The millage for operating the fire department will expire at the end of this year; however, there will not be an election in 2011 to place it on the ballot, subjecting it to Headlee rollback.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Hudson Township Board, in the interest of providing fire protection and emergency medical services to the residents of Hudson Township by way of providing for the effective operation of the township’s fire department, do hereby approve the following proposal to be presented to the electors of Hudson Township at the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, 3 August 2010, and directs the Clerk to submit it for placement on said Primary Election Ballot:

This proposal will permit the Township to restore the Township’s 1 mill for fire protection previously approved by the electors and now expiring. This ballot proposal renews the existing 1 mill.

“Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Hudson Township be renewed at and increased up to original voted 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2010 through 2013 inclusive, for the furnishing of fire protection and emergency medical services, apparatus, equipment and housing in Hudson Township; and shall the Township levy such increase in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$39,279.?”

A motion by Terry Erber that Hudson Township adopt the resolution for proposed millage renewal with increase back to original voted millage. Motion supported by Ross Payton.

ROLL CALL:	Ross Payton	Aye
	Frank D Wasylewski	Aye
	Terry Erber	Aye
	Caroline Kobylczak	Aye
	Staci Payton	Aye

Resolution declared adopted this 5th day of May 2010.

WAGE REVIEWS:

The Clerk reported that six members of the fire department met the requirements of the salary schedule by attending at least 8 in house meetings and are eligible for a \$0.25/hour increase to their hourly run scale. A motion by Terry Erber to increase the hourly pay scale \$0.25/hour for the following members of the fire department, Carolyn Amman, Eric Kennedy, Jessica Wagle, Patsy Clink, Shawn Bauman and Tony Budzinski. Motion seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

The list of weekly custodial duties still needs to be completed.

VANDERBILT SUMMER SCHOOL TAX:

A request was received from Vanderbilt Area Schools that Hudson Township collects summer taxes for the school district. They again have requested that the taxes be collected at no charge because of their financial difficulties. A motion by Frank D Wasylewski that Hudson Township enter into an agreement to collect the summer levy of school taxes for Vanderbilt Area School at a rate of \$2.50 per taxed parcel, to be paid to the Township by September 30, 2010. Motion seconded by Terry Erber. All in favor, motion carried.

KUZMIK ROAD:

The Chairman spoke with the Boyne Valley Township Supervisor about the Kuzmik Road gravel project this year. They are willing to cost share this year the portion of the road that borders their township. A motion by Frank D Wasylewski to request the Charlevoix County Road Commission to seek bids for the placement of Afton stone on Kuzmik Road from North Camp Ten Road to the seasonal portion of the road, with the first mile being a cost-share project with Boyne Valley Township. Motion seconded by Terry Erber. All in favor, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Assistant Fire Chief, Don Sevenski, stated that he was talking with Patsy Clink and she feels that the department is in need of a second laptop computer for the Chief’s office. After much discussion it was determined that it was not a relevant request as the MFR Coordinator is not completing any reports requiring a computer at this time. The Fire Chief reported that the department’s application for the Firefighter’s Assistance grant was denied. The grant was for turn-out gear and a washer and dryer. The agreement with the grant writer was to resubmit until we’re successful, so we will submit a new application.

The Chief has ordered the portable pump from the DNR grant. It is a 50/50 grant and our portion is being split between the township, the County and Lake Louise Christian Community.

The Chief attended a presentation on Driver’s Training.

Obtained a quote for hose testing for company out of Caledonia, Michigan. Cost is \$0.26/foot and we have 2,000 feet of hoses. Will have the ladders certified at the same time.

The Chief requested if background checks were required for new employees. A notice is on our application requesting permission to have the check done. The Board feels if potential employees are aware of the possibility, then it should be done before they become members of the department.

Dennis Lennox, candidate for 105th District State Representative, was present and addressed the Board and citizens present about his candidacy.

A motion by Frank D Wasylewski to pay the following bills and seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, motion carried.

#8484	1 May10	CenturyLink	Telephone	\$106.18
#8485	5 May10	Apex Software	Assessor – Software maintenance	\$215.00
#8486	“ “ “	US Postal Service	Postage – Clerk and Assessor	\$88.00
#8487	“ “ “	Frank D Wasylewski	Newsletter postage/Assessor Comput	\$147.52
#8488	“ “ “	Joe Sevenski	Custodian supplies/hall,park & cemet	\$107.96
#8489	“ “ “	KSS Enterprises	Hall – floor wax	\$263.53
#8490	“ “ “	John A Kurbis	Planning Commission	\$30.29
#8491	“ “ “	Waste Management	Garbage – Hall & Park	\$254.62
#8492	“ “ “	Great Lakes Energy	Electricity – Hall/fire dept	\$243.26
#8493	“ “ “	Exxon Mobil	Fire – Gasoline	\$88.57
#8494	“ “ “	Time Emergency Equipment	Fire – 75 gallons foam	\$1,087.00
#8495	“ “ “	Wilbur Automotive	Fire – fire supplies	\$23.98
#8496	“ “ “	Gary Holborn	Spring Clean up help	\$90.00
#8497	“ “ “	Gary Stillson	Spring Clean up help	\$90.00
#8498	“ “ “	Sevenski Excavating	Loader – Spring clean up help	\$200.00
#8499	“ “ “	Tonya Dunham	Hall cancellation refund	\$200.00
#8500	“ “ “	Ross W Payton	Trustee	\$70.15
#8501	“ “ “	Carolyn Amman	Planning commission	\$31.49
#8502	“ “ “	Caroline Kobylczak	Trustee & Planning commission	\$103.19
#8503	“ “ “	Joseph A Sevenski	Custodian 37 hrs @ \$9.50	\$321.91
#8504	“ “ “	Staci A Payton	Treasurer	\$388.91
#8505	“ “ “	Terry L Erber	Supervisor	\$371.25
#8506	“ “ “	Frank D Wasylewski	Clerk	\$427.24

A motion by Terry Erber to adjourn and seconded by Caroline Kobylczak. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m.