
HAMBURG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SPECIAL Meeting

Video Conference As Permitted by Executive Order 2020-15 (COVID-19)

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

3:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Supervisor Hohl called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Roll Call of the Board

Present: Dolan, Koeble, Hohl, Hahn, Hughes, Menzies, Negri

Absent: None

4. Call to the Public

A Call was made with No Response.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Hahn, second by Negri, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: AYES: 7, ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

7. Unfinished Business

A. MDNR Trust Fund Grant Request – Hay Creek Bridge Repair

Hohl reviewed the project proposal for the Hay Creek Bridge repair, which is located just west of Chambers Road on the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail. He stated that the bridge was originally built in the 1890s on massive pilings. Based on inspections, the substructure seems to be in good shape, however the decking and railings require replacement. He stated that in the case that either or both grants are not awarded, that the Township does have capital reserves set aside for this necessary repair. He stated it is already a problem for ADA accessibility and if not repaired will impede all future trail users moving forward.

Dolan asked Jennifer Stewart from Spicer Group to update on the MNTRF Grant.

Jennifer Stewart provided information about grant submission and stated that her team feels it is a good strategy to apply under the small grant initiative for the bridge repair.

Motion by Dolan, supported by Negri, to move the Resolution to submit a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for the Lakelands Trail Bridge Renovation to renovate the decking, railings and possible substructure on the existing Hay Creek Bridge along the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail in the amount of \$50,000 and to further resolve to make available its financial obligation amount of \$58,800 for a total of \$108,800 project cost during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote: Hohl, Y; Negri, Y; Hughes, Y; Dolan, Y; Hahn, Y; Koeble, Y; Menzies, Y

MOTION CARRIED

B. MDNT Trust Fund Grant Request - Acquisition

Dolan presented details of the project to date, which has been discussed off and on over several years. Parcel is currently owned by Henry Ford Hospital System and includes a low cost golf course which has been profitable. The grant application is the first step in the process of acquiring the 492 acres of real property.

Jennifer Stewart, Spicer Group stated that the grant timeline is 4/1/20 to apply, 12/2020 for award, and the project agreement in spring 2021, so it will be next year before anything can be done on any development.

Hohl stated if the project were to move forward, he would highly recommend a comprehensive business plan be drafted.

Dolan stated there will be a lot more work moving forward on this project and more opportunity for public input.

Motion by Dolan, supported by Koeble, to move the Resolution to submit a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for the Herndon Lake Park and Nature Reserve Land Acquisition, in the amount of \$3,615,200 for purchase of 492 acres of natural land and an existing golf course for a future park and nature preserve, and further resolves to make available a local match through financial commitment and donation in the amount of \$1,205,100, for a total project cost of \$4,820,300 during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote: Hohl, Y; Negri, Y; Hughes, Y; Dolan, Y; Hahn, Y; Koeble, Y; Menzies, Y

MOTION CARRIED

C. Utility Billing

Motion by Hohl, second by Hahn, to proceed with sending utility bills but to suspend late fees until after November 30, 2020.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Motion by Hohl, second by Hahn, to proceed with sending out current April & May utility bills notating on them that there will be no penalties.

Roll Call Vote: Hohl, Y; Negri, Y; Hughes, Y; Dolan, Y; Hahn, Y; Koeble, Y; Menzies, Y

MOTION CARRIED

D. Payroll Memo

Motion by Dolan, second by Hughes, to approve payroll based upon the memo presented to the board.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

E. Operation Updates

Information.

8. Current Business

None.

9. Public Information

None.

10. Call to the Public

A call was made with No Response.

11. Board Comments

Hohl stated that we should spread the word about the Federal Care Program to help local small businesses and if there are any residents in need of help that he is available.

12. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Menzies, supported by Hahn, to adjourn meeting.

Voice Vote: AYES: 7, ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney L. Paton
Recording Secretary



Mike Dolan
Township Clerk