
HAMBURG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
HERB, PLANNING COMMISSION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, and RECREATION BOARD
Wednesday April 1, 2009
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Supervisor Pat Hohl called the Township Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Clerk Skiba called the Roll.

Present for the Township Board were: Evon, Hahn, Hohl, Menzies, Semprevivo, and Skiba
Absent: Dolan
Also Present: Bob Craigmile, OHM

Present for the Planning Commission were: Goetz, Menzies, Leabu, Janiga, Eckman and Jablonski
Absent: Ren
Also Present: Patrick Hagman, Zoning Administrator and John Jackson, McKenna & Assoc.

Present for the Recreation Board were: Acre, Parsons, Murdock, Samfilippo, Semprevivo,
Crockford, Gray and Delaney
Absent were: Hardesty and Dolan

Present for the HERB were: Crockford, Metty-Bennett, Bitondo, Evon, Burns and Gask
Absent: Phillips

Present for the Zoning Board of Appeals: Lawrie, Sadowski and Wiggle
Absent: Scott

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Call was made with no response.

Motion by Hohl, supported by Menzies to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Dolan) MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Janiga, supported by Jablonski to approve the agenda as presented

Voice Vote; AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Ren, Eckman) MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Metty-Bennett, supported by Bitondo to approve the agenda as amended removing Item #4C Huron River Cleanup Objectives.

Voice Vote: AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Phillips) MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Lawrie, supported by Sadowski to approve the Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Scott) MOTION CARRIED



Motion by Murdock, supported by Acre to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: AYES: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Hardesty, Dolan) MOTION CARRIED.

4. Current Business

Hohl began the meeting by discussing the need for cooperation and communication between all Township's Board and Committees as essential if we are to be successful in navigating through the financial challenges facing the Township.

a. Joint Meeting Discussion

1. Planning Commission

a. Master Plan Update

John Jackson explained that the major responsibility of the Planning Commission is to maintain the current Master Plan.

He states that it is a requirement that the Plan be reviewed and updated every 5 years. The latest version of the Master Plan has been revised and is ready for distribution once the Township Board approves it.

b. Zoning Ordinance Update & Re-adoption

Jackson states that with a changing economy the Township must adopt a new perspective and be more proactive in attracting investors in industry to generate revenue in the Township.

c. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments & Regulating Plan

Pat Hagman is currently working on the amendments and once completed will come to the Township Board for re-adoption.

Jackson again addressed the need to encourage development and sell municipal water and create tools to utilize the sewer system.

Hagman and Jackson answered questions regarding the Hoskins Manufacturing facility, Metaldyne's hook-up to water and the availability of government stimulus funds.

Regarding stimulus funding, Pat Hohl explained that approximately \$465,000 will be available for the Ore Lake Sewer Rehab project and the same could be available for the WWTP upgrades as well.

Victor Leabu, who is a representative for the WALLY which is the rail system that will travel from Howell to Ann Arbor. The Township has been actively working towards a depot in Hamburg. Leabu thinks that it is likely that WALLY will go forward and is making sure the Authority knows that Hamburg is very interested in the depot.

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2. Recreation Board

a. Introduction of Current Recreation Board Members

Ron Murdock introduced the current members stating that between the 9 members of the Recreation Board, they have 66 years of experience working with Hamburg Township. He thanks the Township Board for including them in this joint meeting.

Murdock gave the group an overview of the sports programs services by the parks stating that there are over 2,000 who participate in baseball, soccer, football, cheerleading and/or poms.

He went on to say that the Hamburg Radio Flyers Club now has a membership 100 and has begun teaching flying in area schools which has been a big success.

b. Discussion Regarding Upcoming Goals and Objectives

One of the goals of the Rec Board is to rectify the MDNR Land Conversion issue and once that is done, applying for grant fund to get the last mile of the Lakelands Trail paved.

Murdock answered questions and addressed suggestions made regarding drainage issues, traffic congestion on Merrill Road, the removal of ash borer trees, and the possibility of an ice skating rink or sledding hill.

3. HERB

a. Retreat Discussion and Revised Mission of HERB

Metty-Bennett gave an overview of the changing function of the HERB as their main function is changing due to a decrease in new developments.

She gives HERB's new objectives as follows:

1. Stormwater
2. Water Quality Monitoring
3. Increase walk ability – expanded access to Lakelands Trail
4. Land Protection
5. Water Softener Education
6. Multi-Jurisdictional Cooperation
7. Recycling Opportunities

b. Lakes and Streams Water Quality Monitoring

c. Open Discussion for New Projects

Rick Burns addressed the issue of one waste hauler for the entire Township citing safety issues and wear and tear on the roads caused by daily pick ups by different haulers. Trustee Bill Hahn agreed stating that he and Chuck Menzies recently addressed this issue and made a report to the Township Board.

4. Zoning Board of Appeals

a. New Zoning Board of Appeals Member Introduction

Eugene Lawrie introduced new members, Tim Sadowski and Tim Wiggle.

Lawrie reported that there has been a reduction of approximately 85% in permits coming before the ZBA.

Lawrie stated that the ZBA looks at every variance on a case by case basis baring in mind the work done by the Planning Commission in establishing the Master Plan and making sure the granting of any variance meets the standards set forth in the Master Plan and by the Planning Commission.

b. Training Session Discussion, MAP

5. ADJOURNMENT

In closing, Pat Hohl stated that the Township has to be proactive, not reactive.

Trustee Bill Hahn invited all to participate in the Huron River Clean-Up on April 25th.

Chuck Menzies requested that these Joint Meetings be held yearly, close to the Strategic Planning meeting.

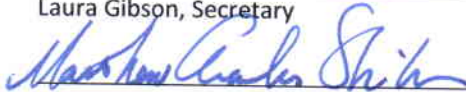
Motion by Samfilippo, supported by Wiggle to adjourn.

Voice Vote: AYES: 26 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: (Dolan, Ren, Phillips, Scott, Hardesty) MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Gibson, Secretary



Matthew C. Skiba, Clerk

Patrick J. Hohl, Supervisor

Fred Goetz, Planning Commission Chair

Julie Metty-Bennett, HERB Chair

Ron Murdock, Recreation Board Chair

Eugene Lawrie, Zoning Board of Appeals