

DECEMBER 2024 Hematite Township Board Meeting Minutes, 12/11/2024

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Joe Hoenig at 5:15pm. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Hoenig, Clerk Warren, Treasurer Haag, Trustees Raduechel & Richardson present.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Clerk Warren made motion to accept agenda, supported by Treasurer Haag. No public comment on agenda.

MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE: Trustee Raduechel made motion to approve minutes as presented, supported by Trustee Richardson.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: **A)** No fires. **B)** Recent accident on Bates Amasa and 141. Township is looking stop signs with lights **C)** Fire department in need of reflective vests, traffic batons, & lizard lights. Motion made by Supervisor Hoenig to approve and supported by Trustee Raduechel. **D)** Santa will be coming to Amasa Fire Dept on Sat 12/14 at 5pm.

WATER DEPARTMENT: **A)** Agreement made between resident and township for water billing. Outstanding balances to be placed on summer 2025 taxes. Resident will take over water billing as of Jan 1, 2025. Supervisor Hoenig made motion to accept contract, supported by Clerk Warren **B)** One resident has concerns about water, encouraged to test water locally at White Water. All water testing reports are on Township website.

CONSTABLE REPORT/LIQUOR INSPECTIONS: **A)** Liquor submitted with no violations. **B)** New constable/incident report form for constable to utilize. **C)** 510 W. Pine St has junk truck and owner of truck has been spoken to. He does not live there or own the property. Owner of property is aware of the situation. To be further addressed with new constable.

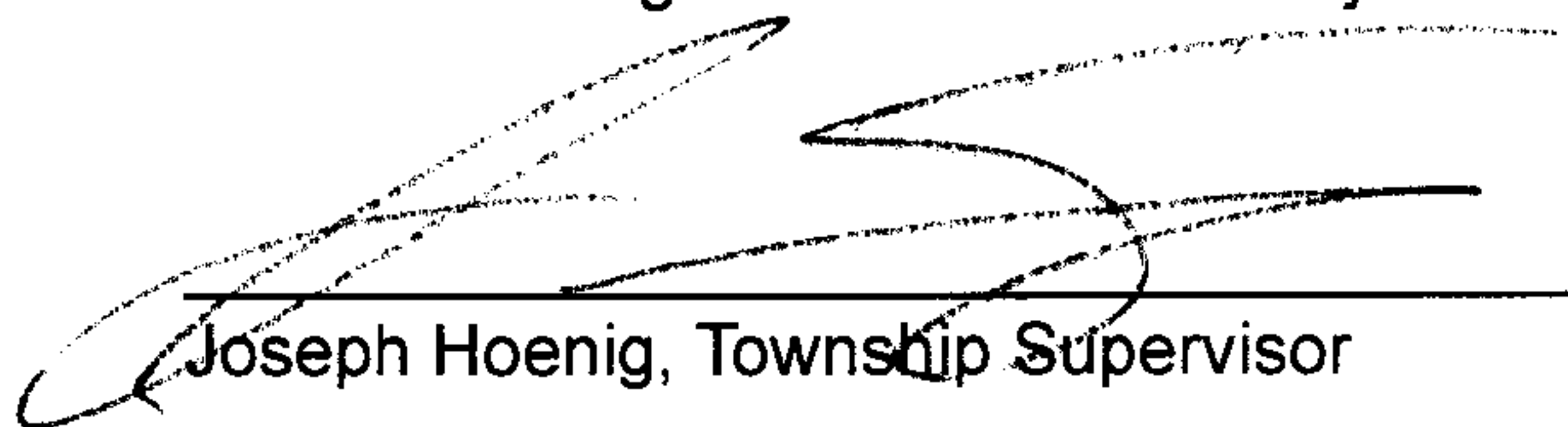
NEW BUSINESS: **A)** Audit update: Clerk completed Premium Audit from Accident Fund of America. **B)** Township Audit: Township is waiting on accountant to schedule site visit. Clerk will reach out to her before end of the year to check in. **C)** Security Cameras: Discussion had not to pursue Verkada security cameras, Township will send trial camera back. Township to look into more affordable options for camera security

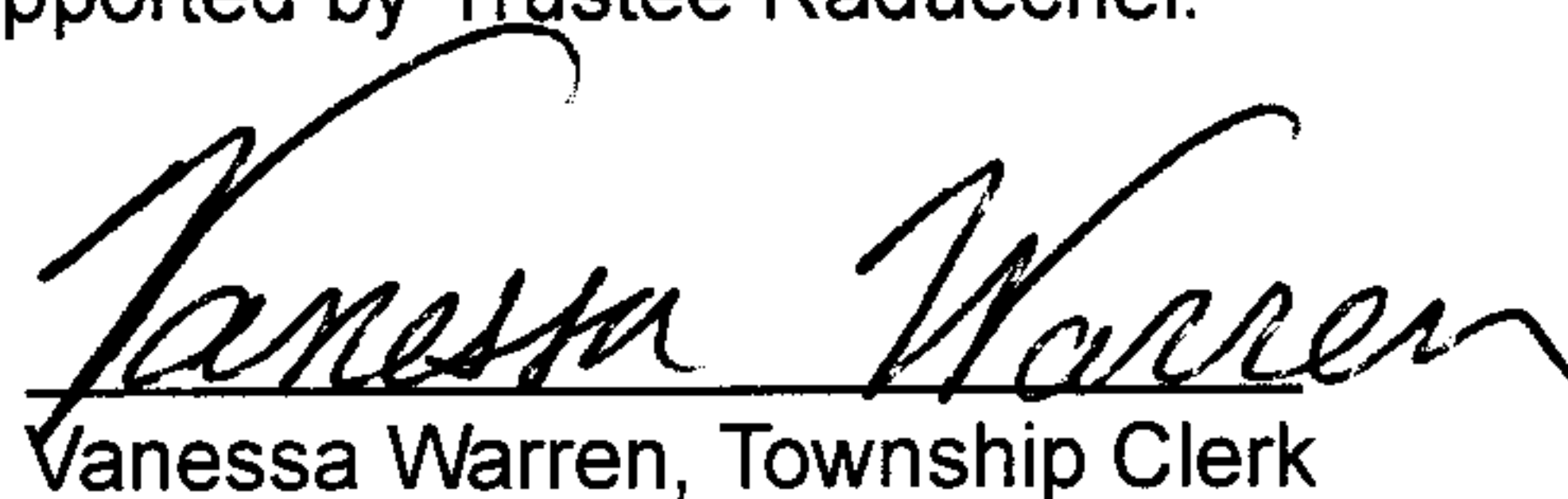
OLD BUSINESS: **A)** Board concerns: Newly elected officials will be attending training Jan 6th. **B)** Emails to be set up for Trustees. Fax number to be removed from website. Constable name and number to be changed. **C)** Supervisor Hoenig spoke to Derek at Ottawa Forest Products about fire suppression charges, will follow up. Fire suppression supposed to be paid to us until loan is paid off. **D)** Cemetery update: Discussion had about pricing changes, green burials. Township will discuss further at January meeting. Sexton to add green burials and pet burials to ordinance to be approved.

TREASURER/CLERK REPORT: **A)** Winter taxes sent out, can pay online, by mail, or in person on Feb 28 from 9-5 at Township Hall. **B)** \$429 in tires collected, will be deposited into general fund **C)** Checks to be approved: Motion made by Trustee Richardson to approve, supported by Trustee Raduechel. **D)** No transfers needed this month. **E)** Township to order 2 more xmas decorations after the new year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Suggestion made for Township officials to get township cell phones. Clerk to contact MTA to look into this.

Treasurer Haag made a motion to adjourn at 6:06pm and supported by Trustee Raduechel.


Joseph Hoenig, Township Supervisor


Vanessa Warren, Township Clerk