

April 2025 Hematite Township Board Meeting Minutes, 4/9/2025

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

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Hoenig, Clerk Warren, Treasurer Haag, Trustee Raduechel, Trustee Richardson present

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Treasurer Haag motioned to accept agenda, supported by Clerk Warren.

MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE: Treasurer Haag motioned to approve minutes, supported by Trustee Richardson.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: **A)** One call this month on 3/21 for mutual aid for Crystal Falls Fire Dept; barn structure fire. **B)** Fire hall to be utilized for raffle prize storage for Sawblade fundraiser on 4/12. **C)** Expense request for \$150 from Fire Chief to order batteries for 3 radios, clerk to order online. **D)** Smear tournament in March was a success.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Water Operator Jacobson reports no issues. House with leak has been fixed.

WATER BILLING: Discussion had about delinquent accounts, water clerk to make adjustments on accounts with incorrect balances. Shut off letters will be going out next week for accounts that are three or more months delinquent. Resolution to water ordinance updated with new rates. Supervisor Hoenig motioned to place a \$500 minimum on delinquent water balances to be put onto Hematite Township Tax Roll, supported by Trustee Richardson.

CONSTABLE/LIQUOR INSPECTIONS: **A)** Liquor submitted with no violations **B)** Dumpster to be scheduled in the middle of May, weather dependent. Discussion had about scrap metal collection.

SEXTON REPORT: **A)** 4 burials planned for May, 9 waiting to be scheduled. **B)** Discussion had about sexton hours; digitizing of records to be done in winter, less in summer to allow time for burials. **C)** Sexton to add website links to the Hematite Township website, approved by board. **D)** Discussion had about sexton pay going back to monthly pay in lieu of bi-weekly. Motion made by Trustee Raduechel to approve, supported by Trustee Richardson.

NEW BUSINESS: **A)** Easter event to be held 4/19 at 2pm. **B)** Benefit for John and Jeannette Rauhut this weekend **OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

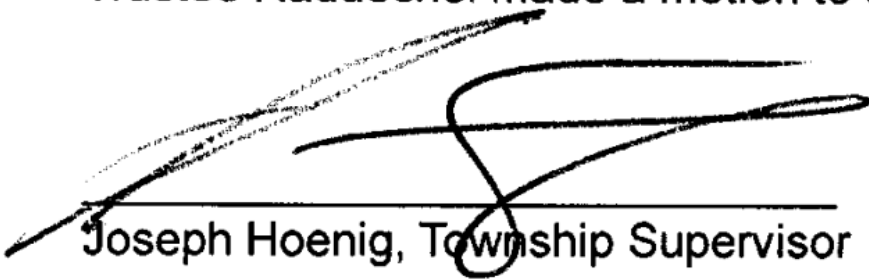
BOARD CONCERNS: **A)** Librarians are permitted to use the heat in the building, just be sure to turn back down to 60 upon leaving. **B)** Discussion had about horse property water agreement on Warner Mine Rd.


TREASURER/CLERK REPORT: **A)** Tax season is now over. Treasurer waiting for settlement to disburse commercial forest **B)** Only one transfer needed for loan payment for \$9200 from Water to USDA Loan account. Motion made by Clerk Warren to approve, supported by Trustee Raduechel. **D)** Checks to be approved: Motion made by Trustee Richardson to approve, supported by Trustee Raduechel. **E)** Camera up in Town Hall and operating well **F)** Clerk to take webinar on SLFRF/Covid funding reporting, and will process reports by 4/30. **G)** 2025-2026 Budget adopted

ASSESSOR REPORT: Deeds, property transfers, affidavits, principal resident exemptions have all been collected, coded, and entered into the assessing system. March Board of Review went well. A few petitions but nothing out of the normal. Database frozen after close of Board of Review and sent to the County Equalization for balancing.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Library board President Beverley Dallafior passed away this month. The library board will be voting on new board members at the April meeting. Free books available when library is open.

Trustee Raduechel made a motion to adjourn at 6:13pm and supported by Treasurer Haag.


Joseph Hoenig, Township Supervisor


Vanessa Warren, Township Clerk