

July 9, 2025 - Hematite Township Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Trustee Richardson motioned to accept edited agenda, supported by Treasurer Haag.

MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE: Treasurer Haag motioned to approve minutes as presented, supported by Trustee Raduechel

FIRE DEPARTMENT: A) Incident on 6/12; power line struck in the driveway of White Water Associates. Small grass fire started, extinguished by Chad Koeberl from Tall Pines who was first on scene. B) Fire Department requesting two sets of bunker gear. Township to purchase one set of gear for Em Gagnea first, will purchase second set at a later date. C) UP Volunteer Firefighter Tournament to be held July 25-27. D) Discussion had about 4th of July kids activities E) Thank you to the Horseshoe Bar for sponsoring the fireworks. Next year Township to ensure all sponsors are mentioned in the 4th of July flyer.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Water Operator Jacobson reports no issues. One shut off at 510 W Pine St. Map to be updated for 333 Maple Ave to note shut off valve/bleed off valve.

WATER BILLING: A) Two residents that received shut off notices made payments. Additional plans to make payments in process. Two additional shut off letters will be sent out next month. B) New rates will be in full effect on the next water bill.

CONSTABLE REPORT: A) Liquor submitted with no violations B) A few residents requested copies of the blight ordinance which Constable Robinson supplied.

SEXTON REPORT: A) 3 pending lot purchases, 2 burials in June, 7 pending burials B) Discussion had about drafting an estimate for moving burial site.

NEW BUSINESS: A) **Library Use:** Libby Hansen requested to utilize library to teach SNAP nutrition class, Township supports as well as library board. Flyers to be posted about the class. B) **Dumpster:** Clean up went well, Township supplied 5 dumpsters. Fall clean up to be considered. Scrap metal being collected and will be put in a dumpster when there is enough to fill. C) **Unsupervised Property:** Discussion had about joggers being chased by dogs. Constable to address.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Fuess reports tax bills went out July 1. Board of Review scheduled for 7/24 at 10am. Field work starts end of August/early Sept.

BOARD CONCERNS: A) 4th of July: Discussion had about fundraisers in the community. B) White Water Associates requesting to utilize small section of Township property by the ballpark in winter for semi-trucks to drive through to prevent further issues with powerlines. Township approves.

TREASURER/CLERK REPORT: A) Taxes went out July 1. B) Auditor Kathleen Ciantar was here to begin audit process. She collected a lot of paperwork and will be entering data over the next few weeks. She is in contact with the State of MI on our status. C) Abatement letter request sent to IRS. D) Checks and water bills ordered. E) Astrea is now Spectrum, clerk in contact with Spectrum to transition equipment over.

Checks to be approved: Motion made by Trustee Richardson to approve, supported by Trustee Raduechel. Motion to approve transfers by Trustee Raduechel, supported by Clerk Warren.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Trustee Richardson made a motion to adjourn at 6:12 pm, supported by Clerk Warren.



Joseph Hoenig, Township Supervisor



Vanessa Warren, Township Clerk