

HADLEY TOWNSHIP
4293 Pratt Rd-P.O. Box 227
Hadley MI 48440
Minutes of Hadley Township Board Meeting
Held at Hadley Township Office Building
January 10, 2023

A regular meeting of the Hadley Township Board was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Hadley Township Office Building, 4293 Pratt Rd., Hadley, MI.

Board members present: Hartwig, Daly, Schultz, and Monroe
Board members absent: Brandt

Others present: Fire Chief Nass, Assistant Chief Ivory, County Commissioner Knisely, Deputy Clerk Ivory, and 12 township residents.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Monroe.

AGENDA

*23-001 Motion by Schultz second by Hartwig, to approve the agenda as presented.
Ayes: Hartwig, Daly, Schultz, and Monroe
Nays: None
Motion carried.

CONSENT APPROVAL

TREASURER'S REPORT - December 2022

	BEGINNING					ENDING
	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	GAINS	LOSSES	BALANCE
CHASE SAVINGS - General/Fire	\$422,642.12	\$155,661.11	\$148,631.97	\$14.00	\$0.00	\$429,685.26
CHASE CHECKING - General/Fire	\$2,000.00	\$148,631.97	\$148,631.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
MI CLASS - INVESTMENT - General	\$608,192.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,206.59	\$0.00	\$610,399.12
MSUFCU - INVESTMENT - General	\$301,674.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$496.22	\$0.00	\$302,171.02
CHOICE ONE - INVESTMENT - General	\$200,997.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$200,997.26
CHOICE ONE CHECKING - Special Assessment	\$98,215.37	\$5,425.01	\$5,814.46	\$64.55	\$0.00	\$97,890.47
CHOICE ONE CHECKING - Public Improvement	\$929.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$929.43
CHOICE ONE CHECKING - Tax	\$3,100.58	\$1,905,076.33	\$485,020.21	\$575.08	\$0.00	\$1,423,731.78
CHOICE ONE CHECKING - Cemetery	\$3,986.80	\$2,708.40	\$1,933.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,761.79
FLAGSTAR INVESTMENT - Cemetery Investmen	\$68,526.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170.47	\$0.00	\$68,697.24
TOTAL ASSESTS:						\$3,141,263.37
Financial Institution Summary			Account Summary			
Choice One	\$1,728,310.73	55%	General Funds Total:			\$1,056,038.78
Flagstar	\$68,697.24	2%	Fire Funds Total:			\$19,152.04
Chase	\$431,685.26	14%	ARPA (covid) Funds Total:			\$470,061.84
MI Class	\$610,399.12	19%	Cemetery Funds Total:			\$73,459.03
MSUFCU	\$302,171.02	10%	Special Assessment Total:			\$97,890.47
Total Assets	\$3,141,263.37	100%	Tax Fund Total:			\$1,423,731.78
			Public Improvement Fund Total:			\$929.43
			TOTAL ASSETS:			\$3,141,263.37

*23-002 Motion by Hartwig, second by Daly to approve the consent agenda which includes: the financial report, the December 13, 2022 special and board meeting minutes, bills in the amount of \$28,862.00 and payroll of \$24,017.08.
Roll Call Vote: Hartwig: aye, Schultz: aye, Daly: aye, Monroe: aye; Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Schultz informed the board of the following: tax collection going well, possibility of veteran's exemption for property tax may be reimbursed by the state, and she will be researching investment in CD's that offer an interest rate of 4.5%

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Daly gave all the board members a copy of the budget for their review, and said she will be working on w2s, 1099's this month.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Monroe shared that he has been invited to the Capitol by Representative Green tomorrow to witness the opening of the new session of the Michigan Legislature.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

In Trustee Brandt's absence, Supervisor Monroe gave a brief road report.

Trustee Hartwig said at the last Planning Commission meeting they reviewed the draft Recreation Plan and sent it to the township board for their review.

FIRE REPORT

Runs: (18 runs: 1 Fire; 17 EMS) Chief Nass said the fire department had 268 runs in 2022.

PUBLIC TIME

County Commissioner Knisely briefed the board on the following: the county commissioners appointed a new chair and vice chair, he is serving on several committees, a new Blains Farm and Fleet will be constructed on M-24 and I-69, interlocal agreement for County Medical Examiner's office with Oakland county passed, and the search for a new county administrator-controller is still under way. Alan Pierce gave an update on the county's senior program Residents discussed the following items: Lapeer Drop-off Recycling accepted items, Starlink RV for broadband access

NEW BUSINESS

HADLEY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Hadley Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Supervisor/Assessor and Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the Township of Hadley, Lapeer County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.
- 3) Provide federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, which were completed or filed, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or on the current year. If Federal or State Tax forms are not required to be filed, each resident must file a poverty exemption affidavit.
- 4) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed the current Township asset guidelines. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than principal residence, real estate in excess of the minimum parcel size in a zoning district, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc. Farm equipment used for growing crops are excluded from the asset test.
- 5) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification.
- 6) Produce, if requested, a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 7) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines. Hadley Township poverty income guideline is currently set at 125% of the Federal poverty income guidelines.
- 8) The income must include all income for all residents of the primary residence. Income includes all monies received from all sources. It includes, but is not limited to all pension receipts, all disability receipts, all public assistance from any source, alimony, child support payments, military family allowances, dividends, interest, rental receipts, receipts from trusts and any insurance or annuity and social security and social security disability receipts. It also includes any money received from sale of personal property, such as scrap, old appliances, automobiles, campers, etc.
- 9) Currently, the Township Asset Test states that the total of all liquid assets, not including the primary residence or farm equipment used to produce crops shall not exceed \$70,000.

The federal and Hadley Township poverty income guidelines are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Township. The current Hadley Township income guidelines are set at 125% of the Federal poverty income guidelines. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence. These guidelines and all appropriate forms are available at the Hadley Township Offices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the supervisor/assessor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by Township Board Member Schultz and supported by Township Board Member Hartwig.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

"Aye": Daly, Schultz, Hartwig, Monroe

“Nay”: None

The Township Clerk declared the resolution carried.

*23-003 Motion by Schultz second by Hartwig to approve the Hadley Township Resolution for Poverty Exemption for 2023.
Roll Call Vote: Daly: aye, Schultz: aye, Hartwig: aye, Monroe: aye; Motion Carried.

*23-004 Motion by Hartwig second by Daly to appoint Treasurer Lisa Schultz as Hadley Township’s LCEMS representative.
Roll Call Vote: Daly: aye, Hartwig: aye, Schultz: aye, Monroe: aye; Motion Carried.

PUBLIC TIME

Chief Nass said Russ Adams at LCEMS is doing a good job, and that Mr. Adams has addressed any problems that Chief Nass has presented to him.

Residents discussed the following: Hadley Chamber is hosting a Euchre tourney January 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm

*23-005 Motion by Hartwig second by Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Ayes: Hartwig, Daly, Schultz, and Monroe

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Cynthia Daly
Hadley Township Clerk

Ernest Monroe
Hadley Township Supervisor

Approved at the March 14, 2023 township board meeting.