

HADLEY TOWNSHIP
4293 Pratt Rd-P.O. Box 227
Hadley MI 48440
Minutes of Hadley Township Board Meeting
Held at the Hadley Township Office Building
December 10, 2024

A regular meeting of the Hadley Township Board was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Hadley Township Office Building, 4293 Pratt Rd. Hadley, MI.

Board members present: Brandt, Hartwig, Daly, Schultz, and Harrison

Others present: Fire Chief Nass, Assistant Fire Chief Ivory, Deputy Clerk Ivory, and 29 township residents.

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

AGENDA

*24-103 Motion by Schultz second by Hartwig, to add Item E. "Playground Mulch" to New Business on the agenda.

Ayes: Daly, Hartwig, Schultz, Brandt and Harrison

Nays: None

Motion carried.

*24-104 Motion by Schultz second by Brandt, to accept the agenda as amended.

Ayes: Daly, Hartwig, Schultz, Brandt and Harrison

Nays: None

Motion carried.

CONSENT APPROVAL

TREASURER'S REPORT - November 2024

	BEGINNING					ENDING
	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	GAINS	LOSSES	BALANCE
CHASE SAVINGS - General/Fire	\$144,838.66	\$376,291.45	\$431,984.93	\$1.80	\$0.00	\$89,146.98
CHASE CHECKING - General/Fire	\$2,000.00	\$332,079.93	\$332,079.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
MI CLASS - INVESTMENT - General	\$571,278.03	\$260,589.00	\$315,884.00	\$1,993.14	\$0.00	\$517,976.17
MSUFCU - INVESTMENT - General	\$323,074.01	\$0.00	\$105,400.00	\$818.94	\$0.00	\$218,492.95
CHOICE ONE - INVESTMENT - CD'S	\$317,081.54	\$0.00	\$108,137.87	\$2,837.84	\$0.00	\$211,781.51
FLAGSTAR - INVESTMENT - CD'S	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00
CHOICE ONE CHECKING - Special Assessment	\$110,059.48	\$0.00	\$12,013.21	\$81.13	\$0.00	\$98,127.40
CHOICE ONE CHECKING - Public Improvement	\$1,062.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.45	\$0.00	\$1,062.65
CHOICE ONE CHECKING - Tax	\$15,647.12	\$6,617.14	\$18,386.99	\$5.73	\$0.00	\$3,883.00
CHOICE ONE CHECKING - Cemetery	\$4,073.31	\$4,014.00	\$3,430.56	\$1.87	\$0.00	\$4,658.62
FLAGSTAR INVESTMENT - Cemetery Investment	\$62,418.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$179.15	\$0.00	\$62,597.52
TOTAL ASSETS:						\$1,509,726.80
Financial Institution Summary		Account Summary				
Choice One	\$319,513.18	21%	General Funds Total:			\$1,107,796.86
Flagstar	\$362,597.52	24%	Fire Funds Total:			\$22,233.91
Chase	\$91,146.98	6%	ARPA (covid) Funds Total:			\$209,366.84
MI Class	\$517,976.17	34%	Cemetery Funds Total:			\$67,256.14
MSUFCU	\$218,492.95	14%	Special Assessment Total:			\$98,127.40
Total Assets	\$1,509,726.80	100%	Tax Fund Total:			\$3,883.00
			Public Improvement Fund Total:			\$1,062.65
			TOTAL ASSETS:			\$1,509,726.80

*24-105 Motion by Brandt, second by Daly to approve the consent agenda which includes: the financial report, the November 12, 2024 board meeting minutes, bills in the amount of \$27,427.38 and payroll of \$28,807.09

Roll Call Vote: Hartwig: aye, Brandt: aye, Schultz: aye, Daly: aye, Harrison: aye; Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Schultz thanked Robert Hartwig for planting the new tree at the old town hall, and she also thanked Dave and Tom Tunison, Scott and Kennedy Bryant, Joe O'Brien, Andrew McMahon, and Chris Tuski for decorating the tree for Christmas. Treasurer Schultz then gave a brief update on the Marston Park project highlighting pickleball fence and playground equipment installation. Lastly, she reviewed the financial report for the month.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Daly had no report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Harrison gave a brief update of a dangerous building on Woodland Drive, thanked residents for voting him in as supervisor.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Trustee Brandt told those attending that road maintenance is quiet except for some spot grading.

Trustee Hartwig gave the board a synopsis of last month's planning meeting.

FIRE REPORT

Runs: 18 runs: (3 Fire; 15 EMS)

PUBLIC TIME

Residents discussed the following: fencing at Marston Park, paper recycling cost, policing ordinances

OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed contractor options for renovating the old town hall.

NEW BUSINESS

*24-106 Motion by Schultz second by Brandt to appoint Linda Stevens as a member of the Board of Review for a two-year term starting January 1, 2025 until January 1, 2027.

Roll Call Vote: Daly: aye, Hartwig: aye, Brandt: aye, Schultz: aye, Harrison: aye; Motion Carried.

*24-107 Motion by Schultz, second by Daly to appoint Kent Copeman as a member of the Board of Review for a two-year term starting January 1, 2025 until January 1, 2027.

Roll Call Vote: Schultz: aye, Daly: aye, Hartwig: aye, Brandt: aye, Harrison: aye; Motion Carried.

*24-108 Motion by Schultz, second by Hartwig to appoint Jennifer Burkett as a member of the Board of Review for a two-year term starting January 1, 2025 until January 1, 2027.

Roll Call Vote: Hartwig: aye, Brandt: aye, Schultz: aye, Daly: aye Harrison: aye; Motion Carried.

*24-109 Motion by Schultz, second by Brandt to appoint Robert Hartwig as a member of the Planning Commission starting December 10, 2024 until November 20, 2028.

Roll Call Vote: Daly: aye, Hartwig: aye, Schultz: aye, Brandt: aye, Harrison: aye; Motion Carried.

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 Brandt.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“Aye”: Schultz, Brandt, Daly, Hartwig, Harrison

“Nay”: None

The Township Clerk declared the resolution carried.

*24-110 Motion by Schultz second by Brandt to approve the 2025 Poverty Exemption Resolution, Policy & Guidelines. Roll Call Vote: Schultz: aye, Brandt: aye, Daly: aye, Hartwig: aye, Harrison: aye; Motion Carried.

*24-111 Motion by Schultz second by Hartwig to appoint Jason Harrison as Hadley Township’s representative to LCEMS. Ayes: Daly, Schultz, Hartwig, Brandt, and Harrison Nays: None Motion carried.

*24-112 Motion by Schultz second by Brandt to accept the bid from Owen Tree Service to deliver certified playground mulch to Marston Park for an amount not to exceed \$2,200. Roll Call Vote: Hartwig: aye, Daly: aye, Schultz: aye, Brandt: aye, Harrison: aye; Motion Carried.

PUBLIC TIME

Supervisor Harrison presented retired firefighter David Ivory with the following resolution:

A Resolution to Commend David Ivory on his Retirement as Firefighter for the Hadley Township Fire Department

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of Hadley Township pause to recognize those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, David Ivory is one such notable person who has dedicated his life to the noble purpose of serving others as a Hadley Township Firefighter, and

WHEREAS, David Ivory retired on September 30th 2024 after having faithfully served the citizens of Hadley Township as a member of the Hadley Township Fire Department for 60 years, and

WHEREAS, David Ivory demonstrated exceptional courage and commitment, while going above and beyond in protecting the lives and property of Hadley Township while also serving 35 years as secretary/treasurer for the department, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ivory’s hard work, leadership, and appreciation of his fellow firefighters has left an indelible mark on those who continue to serve in the department. His commitment to the department is reflected in his family’s proud history of firefighters of the Hadley Township Fire Department in which his father, brother, sons, grandsons and nephews have served, and continue to serve and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hadley Township Board, in the name of the people of Hadley Township, do hereby express our sincere gratitude to David Ivory for his exemplary service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the records of Hadley Township, Lapeer County, State of Michigan, on this 10th day of December in the year 2024, there to remain forever.

Residents discussed the following items: town hall renovation, fire department millage, and appreciation of new lighting in township office parking lot

*24-113 Motion by Hartwig second by Brandt to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Ayes: Daly, Schultz, Hartwig, Brandt, and Harrison Nays: None Motion carried.

Cynthia Daly
Hadley Township Clerk

Jason Harrison
Hadley Township Supervisor

Approved at the January 14, 2025 township board meeting.