

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 9, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Hampton Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Boardroom by the Supervisor.

The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag. The invocation was read and a moment of silence was observed.

**PRESENT:** Kenniston, Wisniewski, Benchley, DeWyse, Samyn, & Close

**EXCUSED:** Wright

**ALSO PRESENT:** Worden, Bryan Benchley, Hebner, Franz, & 6 in audience

Motion by Close, supported by Wisniewski, the July 26, 2021 regular meeting minutes be approved with the first paragraph under New Business be removed.

Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Motion by Wisniewski, supported by Samyn, to receive the following:

- Par Plan Grant Award
- Bay Area Water Plant Technical Advisory Committee Minutes from June 3, 2021
- Bay Area Water Treatment Plant Litigation

Motion carried.

**AUDITORS REPORT:**

Motion by Benchley, seconded by Close, the following warrants be approved for payment:

#48718 - #48742	General Fund	\$ 86,927.43
	John Hancock	26,000.93
#4299 - #4301	Sewer Fund	274.49
#1891 - #1894	Water Fund	446,733.65
#1081-#1093	Tax Fund	448,557.82
#3	Garbage Fund	50,835.57
		<u>\$1,059,329.89</u>

**AYES:** Benchley, Close, Kenniston, Wisniewski, DeWyse, Samyn,

**EXCUSED:** Wright

Motion carried.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mike Rowley, 1561 Wedgewood Place, spoke about American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund use.

Bryan Benchley, stated item B on the agenda regarding the Public Safety Officer Hire should be removed as the candidate may not be able to attend the Police Academy in September.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Wisniewski, seconded by Samyn, to remove item B from the agenda.

Motion carried.

Motion by Kenniston, supported by Wisniewski, to award sign permits #67091 and #67092 to Creative Vinyl for \$12,651.00 and permits #67093 & #67094 to Raymond E. Govaere for \$24,190.00.

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AYES: Benchley, Close, Kenniston, Wright, Wisniewski, DeWyse, Samyn,  
EXCUSED: Wright  
Motion carried.

Motion by DeWyse, supported by Wisniewski, Terri Close be appointed as the Voting Member and Donna Samyn be appointed as the Alternate to the Bay Area Storm Water Authority.  
Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the expenditure of the ARPA funds. Supervisor Close opened it to the public for comments.

Mike Rowley, 1561 Wedgewood Place, discussed the possible opportunities of extending high-speed internet to the commercial district.

Close presented survey results of how to spend the funds. Survey forms were sent out to homeowners in the water bills last month. The majority listed drains, ditches & storm water system work; water system work; sewer work; park upgrades; and broadband access as items they would like to see addressed.

Motion by Wisniewski, seconded by Benchley, to send Garrett VanOchten and Benjamin Brownlee for a physical. If they pass the physical, they be hired as part-time paid on-call firefighters and they be sent to attend the Bay County Fire Academy Firefighter and Emergency Medical Responder courses which would be completed in May of 2022.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Wisniewski, supported by Kenniston, the letter of resignation of Maxwell Schultz be received.  
Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Rich Sheppard stated the Planning Commission will be meeting August 12<sup>th</sup> regarding changes to the Zoning Ordinance. He also discussed the Township may wish to coordinate with our State Representative, Bay County and other jurisdictions to work on funding high-speed internet access.

**ENGINEER REPORT:**

Bartow was not present

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**OFFICER/TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Clerk DeWyse-stated the staff had been working hard on reviewing stored records and getting rid of so many no longer required. We are also working on getting larger prints and such scanned and archived electronically.

**Treasurer Samyn-Nothing**

**Trustees: Nothing**

Supervisor Close-gave an update on Republic Services possible credit to customers.

Public Safety Chief Benchley-321 calls and 31 traffic stops since last meeting, grant for AXON body cameras, AED received with grant funds, discussed insurance recovery funds, and currently looking for a scale to use in weight limit citations for semi-trucks.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Worden-completed 222 stops for chipping and completed it in 3 days, worked on Avondale storm drain, starting to mow road sides south of Center Road, repaired 3 water boxes, chipped brush for the Bay County Water Department at the Farley Road water tower site, removed large tree on the new sewer station property located on Scheurmann, worked on the Nature Trail from Jones Road to Finn Road, and will be putting up no trespassing signs on the Scheurmann Street new sewer station property.

County Commissioner Johnson-Absent

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Sandy Stachowiak, 1180 N. Knight Road, discussed yard waste issues, AXON cameras, and the issue of poison ivy in the ditch along Knight Road.

Tara Franz, 1275 Rodao Drive, stated the Township may wish to discuss with Republic Services to have all pick up services on the same day and a different way for residents to report large-item retrievals.

Mike Rowley, 1561 Wedgewood Place, happy with new curbside trash service, thanked the Board for their service to our Township, and is glad the Board has not allowed for any marijuana growing and sales in Hampton Township.

Motion by Wisniewski, seconded by Kenniston, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by

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Frances DeWyse, Clerk

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Terri Close, Supervisor