

<p style="text-align: center;">CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP 1499 E. HAMMET ROAD, HART, MI 49420 APPROVED MINUTES December 16, 2024 AT 7PM</p>	
<p>Supervisor L. Hyslop called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7pm.</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance recited.</p> <p>Members Present: L. Hyslop, C. Walker, J. Stevenson, & B. Seymour</p> <p>Absent: K. Oomen</p> <p>Guest Present: Ron Smith, Chief Purdy, Paul Erickson, Lenoard Amador, & Adam Herrera</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL</p>
<p>Moved by K. Oomen, Seconded by L. Hyslop to approve prior meeting minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior Meeting Minutes: November 18, 2024 • Regular Meeting <p>Voice Vote - Motion Carried</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES APPROVED</p>
<p>None</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHANGES TO AGENDA</p>
<p>None</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CITIZENS COMMENTS</p>
<p>None</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COORESPONDENCE</p>
<p>1) New Application - Volunteer</p> <p>a) L. Hyslop was handed an employment applicated from the fire department to hire a new volunteer. Some of the forms were outdated and need to be resubmitted with updated forms. Discussion followed.</p> <p>b) L. Hyslop asked who did the hiring process; background checks, scheduled the physicals, etc.? Chief Purdy said the board conducts the hiring and completes the hiring process.</p> <p>2) New Electronic Lock for Fire Barn Building</p> <p>a) L. Hyslop replaced the locks on the fire barn. Placed one key inside Chief Purdy's mailbox and gave another to the Clerk to hold for backup purposes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT</p>
<p>Zoning Administrator R. Smith reported the following (report was received and placed on file):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zoning Permits Completed – 1 2. Zoning Permits Written - 3 3. Board of Review Training – Will be held at Golden Township in February of 2025. Time to be determined. 	<p style="text-align: center;">ZONING REPORT</p>

<p>Clerk B. Seymour reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Department Insurance Renewal Contact Forms – B. Seymour asked Chief Purdy to let the fire department know if anyone on the department has made any changes on their address or onboarding members to let her know and she'll update the insurance company, as well as QuickBooks. • W-2's – B. Seymour asked for anyone on the board to report any contact information changes, as she will be mailing W-2's in January of 2025. 	<p>CLERK'S REPORT</p>
<p>Moved by J. Stevenson, Seconded by C. Walker to approve October bills in the amount of \$14,115.40.</p> <p>Voice Vote - Motion Carried</p>	<p>REVIEW & PAY BILLS MOTION FOR APPROVAL</p>
<p>Treasurer C. Walker reported the following (reports were received and placed on file):</p> <p>Financials for November of 2024</p> <p>Beginning Balance: \$313,960.44 Cash Receipts: \$14,544.93 Bank Interest: \$668.66 Cash Disbursements: \$13,308.91 Bank Fees: \$35.00 Ending Balance: \$315,830.12</p>	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT</p>

Supervisor L. Hyslop reported the following:

1. RAISE Grant Update
 - a. We're still working on it. I made a fairly large discovery on a zoom meeting this week. The road commission deleted one mile of road in front of Scott Grinder's. Didn't have it on this bid, and they neglected to tell me that they decided not to pave. They were going to grind up 120th and turn it into gravel. There's no reason to eliminate or change what that I have a written bid on from them and take away from what the farmers asked for, since they put the money in to get this ball started. So, this is a preliminary, I hope, and we've got a couple more meetings and I express my concerns to the board. And Mark was encouraged to have a chat with me after the board meeting last Wednesday. And I think that it worked out okay where they're going to find the money. He's not sure, but he promised that we would find the money and the roads will be paved, and we will get the mile in front of Scott's.
2. FEMA-HAZ Mat
 - a. Oceana County is the only county in the state of Michigan that all 16 townships applied for and was accepted for the FEMA application and were approved for it. We have to fill out some paperwork and it will arrive soon. What does that mean to us? We should never, ever need disaster relief. But in today's world, who knows? If you're not part of the program, you don't get anything. So, I thought it was a good move to patriciate.
3. ECHO decision/opinion update
 - a. L. Hyslop handed the board members a letter to review.
 - b. ECHO Newspaper has had false accusations. Tricks have been played on other townships, threats, all kinds of interesting things. And if you get to the last page, it's very clear and evident and shows all the reasons why the Echo newspaper is very qualified to do our notices in the paper. L. Hyslop thanked P. Erickson for a life of service on that. L. Hyslop feels that the ECHO Newspaper has a larger presentation and thinks it's better for our citizens.
4. Local BOR Training
 - a. The Local Board of Review Training will be on February 11, 2025. Starting time of this training will be announced soon. The Local MTA will be picking up some of the tab on that and provide the training. They'd like the Supervisors to go, but I'll be gone in February. Ron Smith, Paul Oomen, and Nick Oomen will be attending the training.
5. Animal Contral – Changed to a Civil Infraction
 - a. There's been a new judgment or change down in Hart. I didn't quite understand the verbiage, but animal control, if you get an infraction now, it's a civil infraction, not just a slap on the wrist. Keep your dog chained up. And so that may help you or us, because we do have that problem here from time to time.
6. FDIC Requests – Case and Ombudsman
 - a. The overabundance of money that we may have in our account. The concern is, if you have \$250,000.00 in a bank and let's say your money market and your checking account, can you buy a CD in that same bank and have it covered under your insurance? Cathy's resource said, yes, you can put in as much as you want. My resource said no, it stops at \$250k. So, I sent the FDIC a request to inquire on the matter. So, in two weeks, we should have an answer.

**SUPERVISOR'S
REPORT**

<p>Motion by J. Stevenson, Seconded by B. Seymour to approve of R. Smith's request for pay increase, including L. Hyslop's suggestions, see below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay increase from \$400.00 per month to \$480.00 per month • Mileage increased from \$0.50 to \$0.67, per federal allowance • Mileage to and from the Attorney and Courthouse, with the expectation that the current allowance be allowed for one visit per permit. • New: Land spilt or line changes pay \$50 each. • No Changes: Zoning permits would remain at \$25.00 each <p>These changes will take effect on the check dated January 20, 2025.</p> <p>Voice Vote. Motion Carried.</p>	<p>OLD BUSINESS a) Zoning Administration Compensation Request</p>
<p>Supervisor L. Hyslop reported the following:</p> <p>At the local MTA meeting, I asked that we talk about how do you determine how much you spend on your cemetery. How do you look at your total budget? Do you look at what the public demand is? I think we sent out a pretty good newsletter, and it's pretty clear we'd like to hear from people.</p> <p>Bethany and I spent an hour and a half going through the ledger sheet and this chart up here (L. Hyslop pointed to the cemetery map), and we've color coordinated, available sites, sites that have we don't have any idea what's going on, and we need the help from the Sexton and sites that are sold. And we have a pretty good handle on what we have, and its color coordinated for those of us that are second degree kindergarten. But I think if we can find a software program to show that to people when they go out and look, it'll be easier on the Sexton. It'll be easier on all of us. So that's the work in progress. If you remember the quote, we had from Wayfinder, it was about \$20,000 to take pictures of all the cemeteries and get it all digitized and all of that, and I just feel uncomfortable moving forward on that. So, Bethany and I think we can come up with something that's workable.</p>	<p>OLD BUSINESS b) Cemetery Review Update – Local MTA Meeting, Request for Budget Input</p>
<p>Motion by L. Hyslop, Seconded by J. Stevenson to approve the agreement, with the expectation of number 9 on page 2, which is to be clarified and agreed to by the Sheriff and the Supervisor of Crystal Township.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oceana County Sheriff's Department sent Crystal Township an agreement to render services and law enforcement functions with certain terms and conditions outlined within the agreement (we have a copy on file). • Number 9, page 2 states: This TOWNSHIP is solely responsible for any prosecution resulting from any law enforcement action taken pursuant to this agreement. <p>Voice Vote. Motion Carried.</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS a) Sheriff Service Agreement</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Hyslop mentioned that we could use someone on the BOR of review. We currently have three people: Ron Smith, Paul Oomen, and Nick Oomen. They assured him they were going to take the training in February of 2025. 	<p>NEW BUSINESS b) BOR Appointments</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Hyslop reported that he'll not be here in February of 2025. B. Seymour will be taking his place at the Rules and Regulations meeting on March 4, 2025. 	<p>NEW BUSINESS d) BOR Secretary Substitute for L. Hyslop</p>

L. Hyslop asked A. Herrera how the transfer station was going? A. Herrera said pretty good.	PUBLIC COMMENTS
Motion by L. Hyslop, Seconded by B. Seymour adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.	ADJOURNMENT