

<p style="text-align: center;">CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP 1499 E. HAMMET ROAD, HART, MI 49420 DRAFT MINUTES MARCH 17, 2025 AT 7PM</p>	
<p>Supervisor Hyslop called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7pm</p> <p>Members Present: L. Hyslop, C. Walker, K. Oomen, J. Stevenson & B. Seymour</p> <p>Absent: none</p> <p>Guest Present: Ron Smith, Mike Bulter, Howard Gardner, Pat Gardner, JoAnne Gardner & Adam Herrera</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL</p>
<p>Moved by Oomen, Seconded by Stevenson to approve prior meeting minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior Meeting Minutes: February 17, 2025 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>We received a nice letter from the lady who owns the yellow historic general store. She sent us another \$100.00 check for beautification of our beautiful village. There was some wording in her note that was hard for us to understand, so we'll just hold on to the checks and talk to her in person.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COORESPONDENCE</p>
<p>L. Hyslop reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L. Hyslop had been in communications with Chief Purdy and Samantha about the fire department budget. L. Hyslop has confirmed that everything the fire department gets from now on will be done with Chief Purdy's written approval only. There's a hole in the ceiling in their building that lets the heat escape out, which is probably why they had a massive ice storm. Need quotes on fixing the problem. L. Hyslop ordered some LED lights for them. 	<p style="text-align: center;">FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT</p>

<p>Zoning Administrator Smith reported the following (report was received and placed on file):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Writing 2 permits 2. Reported 18 updates 3. Reported 1 complaint 4. Requested permission to register for continuing education class with MTA on <i>Introduction to Planning & Zoning</i> on May 21, 2025 in Garylord, MI. It will cost \$100/person, if payment is submitted 3 weeks before the event date. Ron also asked if B. Seymour can ask the Planning Commission if anyone else would be interested in attending the class. <p>Board approved</p>	<p>ZONING REPORT</p>
<p>Clerk, B. Seymour, reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QuickBooks: worked with our Auditor/CPA on creating a better way to track and budget each fund (General Fund, Fire Equipment Fund, Fire Operations Fund & Roads Fund). However, these changes have resulted in an increased administrative workload for the clerk. • Elections: Preparing for Hart Public School Election on May 6, 2025. Organizing the Election cabinet to make the end of day tasks easier and smoother for our election workers. 	<p>CLERK'S REPORT</p>
<p>Moved by K. Oomen, Seconded by J. Stevenson to approve March bills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Fund Bills: \$8,732.08 • Fire Operations Bills: \$1,813.94 <p>L. Hyslop asked B. Seymour to send the BOR Members a handwritten 'Thank you' for doing an awesome job at their recent meetings!</p> <p>Voice Vote - Motion Carried</p>	<p>REVIEW & PAY BILLS MOTION FOR APPROVAL</p>

<p>Treasurer Walker reported the following (reports were received and placed on file):</p> <p>Beginning Balance: Cash Receipts: \$63,746.45 Cash Disbursements: \$10,905.92 Bank Interest: \$611.31 Bank Fees: \$29.92 Ending Balance: \$442,070.74</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed another year of property tax. I collected \$995,626.20. Collected, processed and dispersed. Sold a total of 54 garbage cards for the year of 2025. L. Hyslop shared we're supposed to have a policy for investing money, according to MTA. There are two different amendments here. Two resolutions. One short, one long. He said he's going to email C. Walker and B. Seymour those documents for our review. L. Hyslop sent the board an email to about Michigan Class. In comparison, we've been paid 2.1 to 2.2% on our money market. According to the Michigan Class rep that morning, they are paying 4.4%, so that is double. Next month, L. Hyslop would like to talk about whether we want to change how we invest our money. L.Hyslop also asked A. Herrera to continue checking people's garbage cards because C. Walker is selling them. 	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT</p>
<p>Supervisor Hyslop reported the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Oceana County Road Commission Meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> L. Hyslop asked them to put their financials on the back page of their agenda. They said, I guess we could do that. L. Hyslop asked because they stopped doing it about 8 months ago. They were making \$1,000 a day in interest on their investments, and they don't show the toll. So, whether they do put it out there, I think it's important that the public has that information without asking for FOIA. Board of Review <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Long winded, but thinks our new assessor did a great job. He helped a few people out. One single mother should get a couple of thousand dollars back. Another one was a farmer had a piece of property hadn't been adjoined correctly by former assessors, and wasn't aware of it. Our board did a great job and took care of it with our assessor. Budget Meetings <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lots of work on the budget. Fire Department Review <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It's going to be a focus this year; the department and the budget. The fire department will help us know what to better focus on as well, and move forward on a better relationship between the two departments. 	<p>SUPERVISOR'S REPORT</p>
<p>Motion by L. Hyslop, Seconded by K. Oomen to establishing a resolution on the Poverty Guidelines for Exemption from Property Tax Contributions for 2025 and signed by the township clerk, B. Seymour.</p> <p>Voice Vote - Motion Carried</p>	<p>OLD BUSINESS a) Poverty Exemption</p>

<p>Motion by J. Stevenson, Seconded by K. Oomen approve the 2025 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program for \$306.45. The Clean-Sweep collection event is scheduled for Saturday, August 16th.</p> <p>Voice Vote - Motion Carried</p>	<p>OLD BUSINESS b) Hazardous Waste Program</p>
<p>Motion by L. Hyslop to approve the 2025-2026 Hart Area Public Library Contract for \$2,660.00. The contract must be signed and returned by March 31, 2025 to ensure that our residents retain access to high quality library services without interruption.</p> <p>Voice Vote - Motion Carried</p>	<p>OLD BUSINESS c) Hart Area Public Library Contract</p>
<p>Motion by K. Oomen, Seconded by B. Seymour to approve the Oceana County Road Commission 2025 Brine Program Contract for two brining's per season @ \$0.23 Per Gallon. Invoices will be sent upon completion of each brining. We made some changes to the brining map and they are as follows:</p> <p>Remove from brine: Minke Rd, East of 144th and 112th South of Madison to Monroe</p> <p>Add to brine: North 134th Ave, North of Hammett Rd.</p> <p>Voice Vote - Motion Carried</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS a) Brine Program Contract</p>
<p>L. Hyslop reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L. Hyslop ordered six LED light for the fire department costing a total of \$250.00. L. Hyslop reported that there's a hole in the ceiling above the furnace and he would like to get that repaired. He'd like someone to go up in the attic and see if there's any insulation. L. Hyslop asked Howard Garnder who was responsible for the oversight of the maintenance and stuff of the fire department building. Someone mentioned that Connolly was quite involved in that when he was Supervisor, so probably the Supervisor. 	<p>NEW BUSINESS b) Fire Department Overview</p>
<p>R. Smith he noticed there was a tree that fell down in the old cemetery. He said he made a mistake: it's on the north west side, not the northeast side.</p> <p>H. Gardner pointed out to someone before, there's a big tree leaning over the top of the tool crib. That might be a tree that should be looked at, too.</p> <p>H. Gardner mentioned another tree in the northwest corner up in the hills. Spoke to B. Seymour about it last year, but didn't get a price together yet.</p> <p>L. Hyslop said instead of making \$611 a month on interest, we could make \$1,200 a month and we can get a tree service, too. We can't have dangerous tress in there. That's something we need to address.</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENTS</p>
<p>Motion by K. Oomen, Seconded by B. Seymour to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm.</p> <p>Voice Vote. Motion Carried.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>

