

HOBART TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES 07/10/25

10 JULY 2025 / 5:00 PM / HOBART TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE BLDG

ATTENDEES

Board President Joe Clemmons, Member Sue Pelfrey, Member Mike Ellis, Advisor Mike Hannigan, Trustee Fred Williams, Tina Clemmons, Kelli Williams, Liza Carnahan, Tom Leonard and Steve Dalton

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER - Joe Clemmons 5:10pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL - Tina Clemmons - all present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Board Approval for Tina Clemmons to record this meeting. All Agreed.
- Motion to approve Agenda as written by Member Ellis. Second by Member Pelfrey. All Aye -MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve Minutes by Member Ellis. Second by Member Pelfrey. All Aye - MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

- Live Streaming - No YouTube link yet. Tommy will create the link and share on Fred Williams' Trustee Facebook page to grow followers.
- HB 1641 Update - Steve Dalton spoke to the Board. This legislation was designed to target the Townships that have too much money. The model has been provided, and they are looking at ways to use the model to best benefit Hobart Township. The Capital Improvement Plan will be created so that a percentage of those unrestricted funds will be moved there. The money goes to the County for Road Improvements, but is not guaranteed to be used in Hobart Township. More to come.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Board Appointment for Recording Secretary for remainder of term** - Motion to accept Tina Clemmons as the recording Secretary for the Township Board for the remainder of the term made by Member Pelfrey. Motion as seconded by Member Ellis. All Aye, MOTION CARRIED. Attorney Deppe noted that the Conflict of Interest form should be completed by the Board at the conclusion of the meeting.
- **Appropriation of Funds from General to Utility-** Trustee Williams told the Board that Utility costs are rising and eating up the budgeted monies in the Utility Account. He deferred to Liza, the Township Bookkeeper, and she stated that we did not have enough in the Utility Fund to complete the calendar year. Member Pelfrey asked what the current NIPSCO costs were, and Liza said she didn't have the exact number with her but projected that the Board needed to appropriate \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Utility Fund to allow for bills to be paid for the remainder of 2025. Member Mike Ellis made the motion to move the \$20,000 requested from the General Fund to the Utility Fund. He then asked if the Board thought that was enough. The motion was seconded by Member Pelfrey with the comment to keep an eye on the costs and get to the Board if more is needed. All Aye, MOTION CARRIED.
- **Salary Ordinance-** Trustee Williams reiterated that they have searched all over the office the binder that contains the most current Ordinances, including the Salary Ordinance. It was stated that the Ordinance needed to be drafted in a work session, so the Board scheduled the new Ordinance work session for Thursday, August 7, 2025. 5pm.

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Attorney Deppe asked the Board to review office records. He showed an outstanding invoice in the amount of \$250 that is still unpaid.
- Trustee Williams addressed the cost of the annual convention/training for Township officials. Dates are in September, and we need a count of those attending so Liza can confirm and book hotels.
- Mr Dalton addressed the Board by discussing the need for 2026 Budget planning sessions. It was tentatively said that the Board would meet in August for a workshop, hold a public meeting in September, and vote to approve the 2026 Budget in October.

President Clemmons asked if there was anything further to discuss. There wasn't anything further. Member Ellis moved to adjourn. 2nd by Clemmons.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned by President Clemmons 5:30p.m.