

TO: Hamburg Township Board of Trustees

FROM: Pat Hohl

DATE: June 27, 2024

AGENDA ITEM TOPIC: Independent Contractor Agreement

Number of Supporting Documents: **1**

Requested Action

Approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between Hamburg Township and Residents Working Against Huron River Flooding (RWAHRF).

Background

As you know, the Ore Lake area in Hamburg Township frequently floods. We have worked for years with a group of residents on Ore Lake on grant submittals for various flood prevention and mitigation grants. Brenda Richardson worked with this group and FEMA/MSP to coordinate information and submit grant applications for the township. In Brenda's absence I request the Board of Trustees approve the no cost Independent Contractor Agreement with RWAHRF.

Most of the FEMA flood repetitive loss records are restricted and only available to local government. Andrea Stone, Financial Analyst, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Michigan State Police requires a contractual relationship between Hamburg Township and RWAHRF for the release of the repetitive loss flood information necessary for the grant submittal. This will allow MSP/FEMA to release the repetitive flood loss data to the township and allow us to share it with the group as we work together to apply for these grants. Ms. Amber Bismack is the head of the RWAHRF group. We have had an excellent working relationship for years.

In past submittals this work has both been performed by a consultant that the township had to pay in conjunction with many hours of Brenda Richardson's time. This group is now willing to perform the work necessary to submit the grant applications at no cost to Hamburg Township. We will review and approve all data before the grants are submitted.

The simple two-page agreement is being reviewed by our attorney and will be forwarded to board members as soon as approved.