

## DECATUR TOWNSHIP

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was held on Thursday, August 13, 2020. All trustees were present and there were five guests.

The Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for Lake of the Woods Special Assessment District 14-01 preceded the meeting. No public comments.

The minutes from the July 9, 2020 regular meeting were reviewed and motion to approve them was made by Katelin Makay and supported by Tom Stull. Vote, all yes.

There were no public comments and no correspondence.

The Clerk presented the current bills to the Board and motion to approve them for payment was made by Kevin Kusmack and supported by Katelin Makay. Vote, all yes.

The Treasurer's report was submitted to the Board and motion to accept it was made by Janet Abshagen and supported by Kevin Kusmack. Vote, all yes.

Supervisor Kusmack gave a short report regarding Fire Board business. Joe Gerhold is the new Fire Chief. QR response rate is a little improved but still needs work. Board of Review held their correctional meeting in July. Next correctional meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. Roadwork is progressing and a second treatment is being scheduled. Still receiving complaints regarding the property on M-51 for commercial activity selling firewood. Attorney will be working on this.

County Commissioner Don Hanson gave his report. There was no report from Zoning Administrator & Code Enforcement Officer Tommy Simpson. Van Buren County Sheriff Department report was presented.

Senior Services representative James Abshagen gave a short update and stated that because of the Covid-19 pandemic all activities (except for the food delivery) will be cancelled until January. He will keep the board updated.

Motion was made by Janet Abshagen and supported by Kevin Kusmack to approve the Special Assessment for Lake Weed treatment the same as last year. Roll call vote, all yes. Clerk Abshagen will submit the L-4029 and cover letter as well as the new check list for Truth in Taxation procedures to the County.

Property listing for auction was submitted by the VBC Treasurer. One property on the listing is in Decatur Township and the Board is not interested in obtaining this property.

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Motion was made by Kevin Kusmack and supported by Tom Stull to join the Van Buren County Interlocal Agreement for County Designated Assessor, Anthony Meyaard. This agreement will run for 5 years. Vote, all yes.

Joint Fire Board purchase update on the ORV Vehicle. Approval of purchase was made with the budget approval in June. This was update information only.

Clerk Abshagen gave the August Primary Election update with 605 total voters participating in the election (357 of these were AV voters). Clerk sent out 455 AV's (357 were returned) and there will be well over that amount in November since everyone who requested an August AV also requested a November AV.

Yeo and Yeo has completed their audit for Decatur Township and they will attend the September 10, 2020 regular meeting to give their report.

Supervisor Kusmack alerted the Board that he would be absent from the October regular meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Janet Abshagen, Township Clerk

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Current Bills approved:

GENERAL

Village of Decatur	34.94
Indiana Michigan Power	33.85
Consumers Energy	15.19
Frontier	99.59
Moormann Printing	217.75
VBC - Treasury - Tax Bill Prep.	662.77
Mich. Election Resources	247.59
Yeo & Yeo	8,750.00
U.S. Postal Service - Elect. Stamps	280.00
Election Workers Compensation	1,000.00
Clerk Election Stipend	750.00
Tommy Simpson -- hours worked	500.00
Tommy Simpson -- mileage	0.00
Shalice Northrop - Contract	1,804.58
Trustees	270.00
Kevin Kusmack, Supervisor	970.00
Janet Abshagen, Clerk	1,710.00
Clerk's Office Expenses	114.59
James Abshagen, Treasurer	1,710.00
Treasurer Offices Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
	\$19,170.85

CEMETERY

Indiana Michigan Power - garage	21.49
Indiana Michigan Power - Sec. Lts.	28.14
Consumers Energy	14.00
Best Way Disposal	10.00
Kusmack Lawn Care	2,500.00
Decatur Lumber Co.	219.56
David Wiles - Grave Openings	900.00
David Wiles - Foundations	705.60
Janet Abshagen - Co-Sexton	157.50
James Abshagen - Co-Sexton	<u>500.00</u>
	\$5,056.29

TOTAL \$24,227.14