

DECATUR TOWNSHIP

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was held on Thursday, November 12, 2020. All trustees were present and there were 11 guests.

The minutes from the October 8, 2020 regular meeting were reviewed and motion to approve them was made by Tom Stull and supported by Katelin Makay. Vote, all yes.

The Clerk submitted a listing of current bills and motion to approve them for payment was made by Katelin Makay and supported by James Abshagen. Vote, all yes.

The Treasurer submitted his September and October reports and they were reviewed and motion to accept them was made by Janet Abshagen and supported by Kevin Kusmack. Vote, all yes.

The Supervisor gave his report, which included an update on Sealcoating, Joint Fire Board and equipment updates as well as a Road Commission issue on CR 669/79th Ave.

County Commissioner Don Hanson gave his report which included County website improvements. He also informed the Board that Greg Kinney was reappointed as our Van Buren County Road Commissioner (Michael Alaga had also applied for this position).

Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer Tommy Simpson will continue his position for a couple more months before John Saylor takes over.

Van Buren Sheriff Department report was given and there were no questions.

Diane Rigozzi, Van Buren County Senior Services Director was present and spoke briefly about the activities, which are currently limited due to COVID. She also gave spoke regarding Jim Abshagen's term on their Board and the very positive contributions he has made. She looks forward to continuing working with him as Decatur Township's representative on their Board.

There were two fires in the woods at Harrison Cemetery. The Fire Department was dispatched for both fires (the first was extinguished quite quickly, the second fire was larger and spread quickly). Supervisor Kusmack will contact the Village Police regarding the people believed to be responsible for the fire. The fire did a lot of damage in the woods and was very near the burial area.

The Clerk thanked Supervisor Kusmack for assisting in making the Township Hall safer for our election workers and voters. His donation and installation of protective film and framing was VERY appreciated by all. Thank You.

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Clerk Abshagen gave the election report. 61% of Decatur registered voters participated in the election. 1,629 ballots were tabulated (691 AV's and 938 in person voters).

Clerk made the following budget amendments – no action by Board, informational only:

	Increase	Decrease
Board: Capitol Outlay	\$1,000	
Cemetery: Capitol Outlay		\$1,000

Supervisor Kevin Kusmack presented the outgoing Clerk and Treasurer plaques and thanked them for their many years of service (Clerk Janet Abshagen 33 years and Treasurer James Abshagen 44 years.)

Incoming township officials as well as the Clerk & Treasurer's deputies took their Oath of Office. Matt Kusmack will take his oath when he is out of quarantine.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Janet Abshagen, Township Clerk

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Current Bills

GENERAL

Village of Decatur	30.50
Indiana Michigan Power	40.45
Consumers Energy	27.43
Frontier	102.57
Moormann Printing	250.75
Auto-Owners - Bonds	100.00
Katelin Makay-2 computers & Quick Books	1,811.62
Election Workers	1,579.00
Decatur Hardware - Flag	27.99
Pummill-Promark	67.47
Janet Abshagen - Election Stipend	750.00
Van Buren County Clerk - Registrations	98.15
Yeo & Yeo	800.00
U.S. Postal Service - Stamps	1,375.00
Tommy Simpson -- hours worked	500.00
Tommy Simpson - mileage	93.00
Shalice Northrop - Contract	1,804.58
Trustees	270.00
Kevin Kusmack, Supervisor	970.00
Janet Abshagen, Clerk	1,710.00
Clerk's Office Expenses	36.42
James Abshagen, Treasurer	1,710.00
Treasurer Offices Expenses	<u>30.00</u>
	\$14,184.93

CEMETERY

Indiana Michigan Power - garage	20.19
Indiana Michigan Power - Sec. Lts.	28.21
Consumers Energy	14.77
Best Way Disposal	10.00
Kusmack Lawn Care	2,500.00
Decatur Lumber Co.	0.00
David Wiles - Grave Openings	300.00
David Wiles - Foundations	930.80
Janet Abshagen - Co-Sexton	127.50
James Abshagen - Co-Sexton	<u>165.00</u>
	\$4,096.47

TOTAL \$18,281.40