

## DECATUR TOWNSHIP

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was called to order on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor Kevin Kusmack, Treasurer Katelin Makay, Clerk Katie Hartwell, and Trustees Matt Kusmack and Tom Stull. There were 5 guests present.

Minutes from the November 11, 2021, regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Makay, second by M. Kusmack. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

### Correspondence:

The Supervisor received a call from Midwest Energy about internet on a mile stretch of CR 669. Approximately 12 houses could be serviced for \$50,000 from the Township and the County, the Supervisor denied the request.

Public comment: Tom Motyka spoke in favor of using tax payer money to provide high-speed internet throughout the Township.

The Clerk submitted a listing of current bills. The Clerk received a FOIA request about the former MPI property on 39<sup>th</sup> St and is waiting for payment. Motion to approve by Makay, second by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Treasurer submitted her monthly report. Winter tax bills have been sent out. The Treasurer will collect taxes by appointment on December 28<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm and 1-4pm. Friday office hours will be posted on the Township Facebook page. Motion to accept as presented by K. Kusmack, second by M. Kusmack. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

### Reports:

The Supervisor reported that the Zoning Administrator is working on a blight issue on CR 669. Burgess Road prep work has been completed and the hills have been shaved down. The Supervisor submitted the Road Work Request to the Road Commission, prioritizing the paving of Burgess Road, pulverizing Old Swamp Road from the Township Line and the low spot on 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave that causes flooding.

The Fire Board purchased the new fire truck to be delivered next year. Thank you to First State Bank for their support in financing the new fire truck. With the fire truck purchase the ISO rating should decrease.

The Organizational Board of Review Meeting will be Monday December 13, at 7:45am at the Township Hall.

The Zoning Administrator will be holding office hours of Fridays.

County Commissioner Don Hanson presented his report from the County Commissioners.

Van Buren Sheriff Department – Dispatch report for November was submitted.

There were no reports from Senior Activities.

The Supervisor reported that he and Dave Wiles have started working on the posts in Lakeside Annex 2 East to ensure that they are spaced properly. The flagpole at Harrison Cemetery has not been fixed. Co-Sexton Makay continues to work on data input for the Cemetery software.

Old Business:

Solar Ordinance – discussion with Hamilton Township and the lawyers continue and will be sent to the Planning Commission for review.

ORV Ordinance – the Planning Commission will review the Lawrence Ordinance

Planning Commission still has one vacancy and will meet in January to address the ORV and Solar Ordinances.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Public Comments: There were none

Motion to adjourn by Stull, second by Makay. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

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

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Katie Hartwell, Township Clerk