

## DECATUR TOWNSHIP

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was called to order on Thursday, June 10, 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 12 guests present.

Minutes from the May 13, 2021 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Makay, second by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

### Correspondence:

- The State of Michigan Real ID deadline has been moved to May 3, 2023.
- Van Buren County Conservation District Recycling Program moved to new business

The Clerk submitted a listing of current bills. Motion to approve by K. Kusmack, second by M. Kusmack. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Treasurer submitted her May reports. Tax bills will be mailed with an updated contact sheet for the Board. Motion to accept as presented by Hartwell, second by M. Kusmack. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

### Reports:

Supervisor – Contract gravel went down on 42<sup>nd</sup> St. and dust control completed its work. The Board of Review meeting July 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am will be for corrections only. The Fire Board is looking for a new truck and has made significant repairs to the grass rigs; they have received 5 applications for the cadet program.

County Commissioner Don Hanson – reported that the County paid the \$1 million tax deficit from delinquent taxes; the county will add two more radio towers for Fire and VBMS; body cameras have been purchased for the Sheriff's Department.

Van Buren Sheriff Department – Dispatch report for May presented; there will be no Neighborhood Watch meeting in July.

The Zoning Administrator and Code Enforcement Officer Tommy Simpson was present but had no report.

There was no report from Senior Activities.

The Cemetery Co-Sexton reported on a successful Memorial Day. The flag poles in Harrison need to be more secure. K. Kusmack will look into it. The marking posts at the cemeteries need to be replaced with cement posts. There are approximately 600 posts.

### Old Business:

Supervisor K. Kusmack made a motion for the Township Board to enter into a closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, pursuant to section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of

Information Act, to consult with our attorney regarding a written legal opinion. Motion was Seconded by Stull. Roll Call vote: Stull, yes; M. Kusmack, yes; Makay, yes; Hartwell, yes, K. Kusmack, yes. Motion carried.

The Township Board entered a closed session at 7:15pm and came out of the closed session at 7:41pm.

Marihuana Ordinance – Makay asked Attorney Kaufman about her experience representing Townships and working with Marihuana Ordinances. Attorney Kaufman stated her expertise, and discussed that since Decatur Township has opted out of Marihuana no further action would be required.

ORV Ordinance in the Village of Decatur - The Village of Decatur has allowed the use of Golf Carts inside the Village Limits and has begun issuing golf cart permits. Residents must live within the Village to apply for permits, those in the Township will not be offered permits. The Township will not offer permits because golfcarts are not allowed on roads with a speed limit of over 30mph.

Website – Hartwell reported that they were able to get a lower quote for a website with Dan Seibert for \$600 for development and a year of hosting, and \$180 annually after the first year. Motion to approve by M. Kusmack, second by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

New Business:

92<sup>nd</sup> Culvert Replacement – The Road Commission cost to replace the Culvert on 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave is \$33,189.74. The Township needs to pay half. A motion was made by Makay to pay the Road Commission \$16,594.72, second by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Van Buren County Conservation District Recycling Program – the Township Board pledges \$500 to support the Recycling program. Motion to approve by M. Kusmack, second by Hartwell. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Township lot at Lake of the Woods – a boat lift has been placed on Township property, Zoning Administrator and Code Enforcement Officer Tommy Simpson was authorized to have it removed. Motion to approve by K. Kusmack, second by M. Kusmack. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Township will take over responsibility for mowing this lot on Lake of the Woods. A motion by Makay was made to update the Kusmack Lawncare to include a \$25 charge for every time they mow, second by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Red Woolfe Park Signs – Supervisor Kusmack reported that GPS misguides boaters past Red Woolfe Park for public access. A motion was made by K. Kusmack to authorized Clerk Hartwell to obtain signs noting that there is not public access, second by Makay. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Office Renovations – Makay reported that work has begun in the Township Hall. The Treasurer now has a payment window installed for summer tax collection. The Supervisor will look into quotes for Air Conditioning for the Township Hall.

Truth in Taxation and Budget Hearing will be held Monday June 28, 2021 at 6:30pm at the Township Hall.

Fire Board Budget Approval Meeting will be held Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Fire Station. Board members are to be present.

Public Comments:

Tom Motyka asked the board to review the financial incentives provided by the allowance of Marihuana growth in the township. Attorney Kaufman clarified the incentives. Personal use and caregiver growth must apply for permits through the Zoning Administrator.

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

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07p.m.

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Katie Hartwell, Township Clerk