

DECATUR TOWNSHIP

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was held on Thursday, March 11, 2021. All trustees were present and there were 5 guests.

A motion was made by Tom Stull to approve the agenda and supported by Katelin Makay. Vote, all yes. The minutes from the February 11, 2021 regular meeting were reviewed and motion to approve them was made by Katelin Makay and supported by Matt Kusmack. Vote, all yes.

The Clerk received correspondence from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy notifying us of a request for a large quantity of water withdrawal in Lawrence, Hamilton, and Paw Paw Townships, all were determined not likely to cause ARI.

The Clerk also received correspondence from Jim Abshagen, former co-sexton and treasurer asking for payment for consulting fees for new co-sexton. He is requesting payment for 3 hours at \$15 an hour, a total of \$45. Jim Abshagen also requested payment as museum director for the Hall. He is requesting \$100 a month for these services. An agreement will be drawn up to ensure payment and duties of the Museum Director.

The Clerk received correspondence from Lawrence Township stating that they are holding a public hearing concerning an ordinance to amend the code permitting the use of off-road vehicles on roads within the township. This hearing is being held March 11, 2021 at 7:00pm, the same time as our regular meeting. The Village Manager and the Zoning Administrator will report back to this board.

The Clerk submitted a listing of current bills and motion to approve them for payment was made by Tom Stull and supported by Matt Kusmack. Vote, all yes.

The Treasurer submitted her December reports, and they were reviewed and motion to accept them was made by Matt Kusmack and supported by Katie Hartwell. Vote, all yes.

The Supervisor gave his report, which included a report from the Fire Board and a revision of our request for road work to the Van Buren County Road Commission. The Board of Review met March 2, 2021 at 7:30am.

The County Commissioner's report included updates on dispatch and computer upgrades, along with gratitude for the Sheriff's Department collecting 1900lbs of medication and disposing of them properly.

There were no reports from the Zoning Administrator or Senior Activities.

Van Buren Sheriff Department report was given and there were no questions. The Undersheriff reported there will be an increase in marine patrol in no-wake zones, the hiring of new deputies and corrections officers, and that there have been no COVID-19 cases in the Van Buren County Jail.

A motion was made by Katelin Makay and supported by Tom Stull to adopt Ordinance 2021-1 to place a six-month moratorium on the acceptance or processing of applications for solar energy systems. Roll Call vote, all yes.

The Co-Sexton, Katelin Makay reported on the burial fees of surrounding townships and twill draft an ordinance for the increase of cemetery fees. The Co-Sexton will also be accepting bids to sell the Townships 1973 Chevy truck.

A motion was made by Kevin Kusmack and supported by Katie Hartwell to adopt Resolution 2021-5 to enter into a credit agreement with Oakland County G2G Cloud Solutions to accept credit and debit card payments for tax purposes. Vote, all yes.

The Planning Commission Chair presented a report from the March 4, 2021 meeting via email stating the election of offers was held, Katarina Kusmack, Chair, Dick Overton, Vice Chair, and Katie Hartwell, Secretary. The Planning Commission discussed the use of wind and solar energy as well as marijuana. The Clerk is reviewing options with the attorney on all of these issues.

One public comment was made responding to the Planning Commission's discussion on marijuana from a business asking to grow marijuana in the Township. The board decided to continue the discussion at our next meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11p.m.

Katie Hartwell, Township Clerk