

## 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 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 \$11 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

New Business:

Record Retention - Makay reported that financial records dating back to 1961 currently stored on the stage need to be shredded per retention guidelines. She requests approval to spend up to \$1,000 for Shred-It services and up to \$600 for wages to employ help with the task. The consensus of the Board was to authorize the expenditures.

Website - Makay stated that it will cost \$2,000 for a company to build and host the website for the first year and \$250 per year thereafter. She believes finding someone local who would be interested in building the website would be more cost effective. Discussion will continue.

Makay also reported that tax payments can now be made by credit card.

There was no public comment.

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

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Tina Leary, Deputy Township Clerk