

## DECATUR TOWNSHIP

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was called to order on Thursday, November 11, 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.

A moment of silence was offered in honor of Veterans Day and all those who have served in the armed forces.

Minutes from the October 14, 2021, regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by M. Kusmack, second by Makay. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

### Correspondence:

The Clerk received notice of the PLM Lake and Management Corporation cost estimate for 2022.

The Supervisor received notice of changes to Xfinity channel offerings and an update from VBC Sherriff's department their hazardous mitigation plan.

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

The Treasurer submitted her monthly report. Motion to accept as presented by K. Kusmack, second by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

### Reports:

The Supervisor reported that road construction on 668, Cass/Decatur Road is completed and commended the Road Commission for a job well done. The Supervisor also reviewed the slated Road projects for 2022 and the projections through 2025.

The Supervisor also reported that the Fire Department will be having a chili cook-off Saturday. The Fire Department Auxiliary is incorporating to help support the Fire Department. The Department has seen a busy year with 152 calls, and Quick Response received 81 calls for the month of September.

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

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

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

Co-Sexton Makay reported that the Cemetery management software purchased at the October meeting was received and data entry has begun.

Co Sexton Hartwell reported that the tree removal at Harrison is complete, there were two trees that were not marked for removal in the initial quote but will be removed at an additional cost.

Old Business:

Solar Ordinance – discussion with Hamilton Township and the lawyers continue, should have an ordinance to present soon.

Burgess Road Project – there are two hills that need to be addressed as they obstruct vision and have caused accidents. The removal of these hills was not in the original projects estimate. A motion was made to remove these hills through the Road Commission for \$22,000 by K. Kusmack, second by Makay. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

New Business:

Planning Commission Chair – the Clerk received a letter from the Planning Commission Chair, Katarina Kusmack that she has moved outside of the township and therefore resigned her position. The Board is accepting nomination for the Planning Commission.

Fire Truck – the Fire Board is in need of another NKE Tanker Fire Truck. Pre-paying for the truck will save \$35,000 and the Fire Board has secured a loan from First State Bank to cover the \$300,000 of additional funds needed for the purchase. A motion to purchase a new fire truck for \$835,688 was made by Makay, second by M. Kusmack. Roll call vote, all yes, motion carried.

Facebook Page – A motion was made to create a Township Facebook Page to improve communications with the public in a timely manner by Makay, second by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Public Comments:

Supervisor Kusmack commended the new board members on a year of excellent service.

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

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

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Katie Hartwell, Township Clerk