

DECATUR TOWNSHIP

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was called to order on Thursday, October 14th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Katie Hartwell. A motion was made by Matt Kusmack and second by T. Stull to seat Katarina Kusmack, deputy Supervisor in the absence of Kevin Kusmack. Present: Deputy Supervisor Katarina Kusmack, Treasurer Katelin Makay, Clerk Katie Hartwell, and Trustees Matt Kusmack and Tom Stull. There were 5 guests present.

Minutes from the September 9, 2021, regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Makay, second by M. Kusmack. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Correspondence:

The Clerk received notices from the Road Commission that their office hours changed to 7:00am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday.

The Clerk reported that the 2020-2021 audit was conducted by Yeo & Yeo this week. The Clerk submitted a listing of current bills. Motion to approve by Stull, second by M. Kusmack. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Treasurer stated that the Township had received \$98,441.54 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). A new escrow account was created at First State Bank to hold these funds until the township decides how to apportion it appropriately. The Treasurer submitted her monthly report. Motion to accept as presented by M. Kusmack, second by Hartwell. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Reports:

The Deputy Supervisor had no report.

County Commissioner Don Hanson stated that the County has purchased new narcotic detection equipment, new shields gear for officers as they respond to active shooters.

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

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

The Cemetery Co-Sexton Makay reported that tree removal has begun at Harrison Cemetery and is still investigating the best option for stump removal.

Co-Sexton Makay presented a Cemetery Software comparison sheet from her research. Cemetery management software would help clarify records and make it easier for the Sextons and the community to locate gravesites. A motion was made by Makay to purchase CIMS Gold mapping for \$5,050.00, second by M. Kusmack. Roll Call vote, all yes, K. Kusmack did not vote.

Old Business:

Office Renovations – the office renovations were delayed a few weeks due to supply chain issues. The air conditioner is installed; however the electrician has not yet done the wiring. We will still need cement poles to protect the unit.

New Business:

Road Commission Projects 2022 – the Road Commission’s Annual Township meetings will be held October 26th at 6:00pm and October 27th at 3:00pm. A listing and map of current road conditions in the Township was provided by the Road Commission. Makay will plan on attending the annual meeting.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

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 7:28pm.

Katie Hartwell, Township Clerk