

## DECATUR TOWNSHIP

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was called to order on Thursday, January 13, 2022 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.

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

Minutes from the December 20, 2021 Special Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Stull, second by Makay. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

### Correspondence:

The Supervisor received correspondence from Farming for the Future Conference and the Road Commission's Press Release in regards to plowing.

There were no public comments.

The Clerk submitted a listing of current bills. The clerk also presented the updated guidelines for the ARPA funds. Motion to approve by Makay, second by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Treasurer submitted her monthly report. 40% of Winter tax bills have been paid. Motion to accept as presented by M. Kusmack, second by Hartwell. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

### Reports:

The Supervisor reported on additional seal coating to consider for 2022 on 82<sup>nd</sup> from M-51 to 42<sup>nd</sup>, around 80<sup>th</sup>, on 38<sup>th</sup> St and 74<sup>th</sup> Ave. The Supervisor also reported that the Fire rating is looking great and compliments to Chief Gerhold..

The Zoning Administrator and the Supervisor will be dealing with blight issues on 79<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

There were no reports from Senior Activities.

The Supervisor reported that he is working on the posts for the cemetery.

### Old Business:

Solar Ordinance – Public Hearing will be held January 27, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Township Hall.

New Business:

Audit – Yeo & Yeo presented the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Audit and reported that the financial statements were presented fairly with no difficulties in management. There were some adjustments proposed.

Fire Milage – the 2021 Fire Milage did not get placed on the tax bills. Makay made a motion to pay the balance of the Fire Milage from the Township General Fund; the Winter tax bills for 2022 will contain both 2021 and 2022, and the Township will re-coup their investment. Support by K. Kusmack, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Bloomington Internet – The Township discussed switching internet providers from Frontier to Bloomington. A motion was made by Makay to enter a 3-year contract, supported by K. Kusmack. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Policy and Procedure for Granting, Auditing and Removal of Property Exemptions. A motion was made by Makay to adopt this policy and procedure, support by M. Kusmack, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Resolution 2022 No. 1 – Board of Review July Meeting. A motion was made by M. Kusmack to adopt Resolution 2022 No. 1 to set an alternate date for the July Board of Review Meeting, support by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Resolution 2022 No. 2 – Board of Review December Meeting. A motion was made by Makay to adopt Resolution 2022 No. 2 to set an alternate date for the December Board of Review Meeting, support Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Resolution 2022 No. 3 – Waiving Penalty Fees and Interest for Failure to File Property Transfer Affidavit. A motion was made by K. Kusmack to waive penalty fees and interest for failure to file property transfer affidavits as stated in Resolution 2022 No. 3, supported by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Resolution 2022 No. 4 – Poverty Guidelines. A motion was made by Makay to adopt the Poverty Guidelines presented in Resolution 2022 No. 4, supported by Hartwell. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Public Comments: Shalice Northrop, Assessor requested \$1500 for a new laptop computer, supported by the Township Board.

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 7:44pm.

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Katie Hartwell, Township Clerk