

DECATUR TOWNSHIP

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was called to order on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor Kevin Kusmack, Treasurer Katelin Makay and Clerk Katie Hartwell and Trustees Matt Kusmack and Tom Stull. There were 5 guests present.

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

Minutes from the June Special Meeting and Budget Public Hearing June 20, 2022 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Makay, second by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Public Comment:

None

Reports:

The Clerk submitted a listing of current bills. Deputy Clerk Tina Leary has taken a more active role in the August election to help the Clerk. Motion to approve by M. Kusmack, second by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Treasurer submitted her monthly report and reported that the second installment of ARPA funds have been received. Bringing the total ARPA account to 197,709.46. Motion to accept as presented by Stull, second by M. Kusmack. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Supervisor reported that the Burgess Road project has been completed and dust control and deburring has commenced.

The Election Commissioners Meeting was held July 11, 2022, at 8:30am.

The Supervisor and Trustee Kusmack spoke to the Sherriff's department about the ORV ordinance and reported that there has not been an increase in calls in areas that allow ORVs. There is a possibility that there would be a county wide ordinance. The Sherriff's Department advised against use of golf carts in the ORV ordinance.

Next year the Conservation District will hold dump day the last weekend in April and they are working on logistics to make drop-off more convenient.

Fire Board Annual Meeting was held the QR and Fire budgets were passed. Matt Kusmack was appointed Treasurer of the Fire Board.

County Commissioner Don Hanson reported that the majority of the storm damage to the Historical Society will be covered by insurance. There is a drainage issue at the county building and there is a vacancy on the Road Commission.

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

Van Buren Sheriff Department – Dispatch report for the previous month was submitted.

Cemetery Co-Sexton Makay said storm clean up in Anderson Cemetery will begin shortly.

Old Business:

New Business:

Election Worker Hourly Rate – Clerk Hartwell addressed the need for Election workers to be paid competitively and to compensate for the added responsibilities since 2020. Motion to raise the Election Worker Hourly Rate to \$15 per hour was made by Hartwell, second by Makay. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Board of Review – Corrections Meeting July 19, 2022, at 7:30am at the Township Hall

Public Comment:

There was discussion around the ORV Ordinance that is currently still being discussed by the Planning Commission. Tom and Tara Motycka spoke against the ordinance and it's potential for accidents on more rural roads. Jason West commented that he would like to be able to drive his golf cart into the Village.

Katelin Makay received a resume from a Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector interested in working with the Township. The Supervisor talked about the village's use of SAFEbuilt. The issue will be added to August's Agenda

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

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Katie Hartwell, Township Clerk