

DECATUR TOWNSHIP

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was called to order on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor Kevin Kusmack, Treasurer Katelin Makay and Clerk Katie Hartwell were absent and Trustees Matt Kusmack and Tom Stull. There were 5 guests present.

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

Correspondence:

The Van Buren County Road Commission dust policy was reviewed, and they have moved to their summer hours.

Michigan Department of Treasury Audit was conducted and there were 3 questions that needed attention and the Supervisor will follow up with the Assessor.

The Supervisor reported that when The Board of Review was held and there were 12 vet exemptions and 3 appeals.

Public Comment:

Matt Nilson is running for 39th State Representative, to take Beth Griffin's seat as she has termed out. He relayed a question from Tom Buckman on 80th about road construction. Seal coating for that road is on the docket.

Tom Motycka asked about the ORV ordinance and what happened in the Planning Commission. The lawyers are reviewing it and we are working with Lawrence on how they developed their map.

Reports:

The Clerk will be out of the office from May 19- through May 31 for the celebration of her wedding and honeymoon. 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 monthly report and tax collection has not yet been settled with the county. Motion to accept as presented by M. Kusmack, second by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Supervisor reported that the 1.8 mile Burgess Road Project was awarded to Rieth-Riley Construction for \$308,857.25. A motion was made to begin the Burgess Road Project by M. Kusmack, second by Makay. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Fire Board is less than a year out for a new truck.

The Planning Commission is looking into how to develop a map for the ORV Ordinance and its legality.

There was no report from the Zoning Administrator.

County Commissioner Don Hanson presented his report from the County Commissioners. Ambulance Renewal Millage of .9370 until 2026 will be on the August ballot.

Public Safety Millage of .5332 mills for 5 years for road patrol and drug enforcement will also be on the August ballot.

David Fernandez head of the Department of Humans Services is retiring. The Commissioners are looking into handling child abuse cases in house.

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

The Supervisor reported that the new posts are up in Lakeview Cemetery and the flagpole in Harrison had been repaired. The Sextons thank the Decatur High School National Honor Society and Trustee Stull for helping with cemetery clean-up.

Old Business:

New Business:

Salary Commission recommendations were made. There were no changes except for the Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer’s pay increased to \$25/hour due to the expertise of the Deputies; they will still be maxed out at \$1000 per fiscal year. A motion to approve was made by K. Kusmack, second by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Amendment to Resolution 2022-4 Poverty Exemptions was presented to clarify some of the language. A motion to approve was made by Makay, second by M. Kusmack. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Van Buren Resource Recovery and Recycling Program dates throughout the county. We had a successful Dump Day in April. A motion was made by K. Kusmack to pay \$500 to the Recourse and Recycling Program to off-set costs, seconded by M. Kusmack. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Public Comment:

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

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Katie Hartwell, Township Clerk