

**DECATUR TOWNSHIP
April 2023 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was called to order on Thursday, April 13th, 2023, at 7 p.m. Present: Supervisor Kevin Kusmack, Treasurer Katelin Makay, Clerk Julie McKee, and Trustees Matt Kusmack and Tom Stull. There were 21 guests present.

Minutes from the January, regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Katelin Makay, second by Tom Stull. Motion carried.

Minutes for the Special Meeting held March 30, 2023, were reviewed. Motion to approve by Katelin Makay, second by Julie McKee. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Public Comment:

None.

Clerk

Current Bills were approved. Motion to approve: Matt Kusmack 2nd: Tom Stull

Treasurer

Taxes collected have gone through to the County level. Motion to approve Kevin Kusmack 2nd Julie McKee

Supervisor

Road tour to begin next week. April 5th public hearing for ORV ordinance. 29th of April Dump Day for Decatur. Decatur PD looking for a new officer. New vehicles for the FD to be ready May 1st. 4 new QR members. FD taking bids on driveway. FD currently training CPR and mask safety. Fixing siren at FD 1-2 weeks.

Zoning Administrator

No report

County Commissioner

Next round of grants to help in blight removal are available through the Land bank. Contact Trish Nesbitt or Sarah at Market Van Buren Apps due first part of May. Friend of the Court will move into new building across from courthouse parking lot at the end of April. Will be closed one day to move.

Senior Services

Jim Abshagen speaking: Fundraiser for Senior Services raised \$24, 000. Luncheons at Townhall April 19th use of hall pending contract and insurance paperwork approved by Matt Kusmack 2nd Julie McKee.

Van Buren Sheriff Department

Dispatch report for the previous month of March was submitted.

Cemetery Report

Cemetery Cleanup April 22nd, 19th remove all decorations, do not redecorate til May 1st.

Old Business:

ORV Ordinance April 25th at 6pm public meeting

New Business:

Barton Group (Amelia Lietzau spoke) to possibly help with new tall hall building. They help in managing and constructing new building

Marcie Hamilton: New Hire for the new review of the Master Plan: Motion Katelin Makay
2nd Tom Stull

Conservation District: Memorandum of Understanding signed

Solar Project: Resolution number 6 Special Election for Solar., Roll Call: approved by all on the board. Approval for ballot language motion Julie McKee, 2nd Katelin Makay

Public Comment:

Tom Motycka- against Barton Group.

Jason West-asked how much special election could cost taxpayers.

Bill Krohn-loves the idea of solar project. Upset it hasn't been approved completely.

Alicia Gibson-about chickens, referred to village as it is a village matter

Amanda Hassel- wants the solar approved

Katelin Makay-gave local history librarian a tour of museum. Wants to open museum more often

Motion to adjourn by Katelin Makay, 2nd: Tom Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42.

Julie McKee, Township Clerk