

**DECATUR TOWNSHIP
August 2023 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was called to order on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 6 p.m. Present: Supervisor Kevin Kusmack, Treasurer Katelin Makay, Clerk Julie McKee, and Trustees Matt Kusmack and Tom Stull. There were 11 guests present.

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

Correspondence:

None.

Public Comment:

Katarina Kusmack thanked Clerk, Julie McKee for handling the August 8th election as it was a hot topic issue and also her first election.

Alan Sampsell approached the board with a property tax dispute. Treasurer Makay will help get information to Shalice Northrop for the assessment.

Clerk

Current Bills were approved. Motion to approve: Katelin Makay 2nd: Tom Stull
Unofficial results for the Aug. 8th election 69-YES, 275-NO. Cemetery Cleanup from JC and Son's was the only bill that was higher than normal.

Treasurer

Tax collection going slowly. Attended conference for green solar. If a Board doesn't have an ordinance in place the government can preempt and possibly give the go ahead for green/solar power. Motion to Approve: Matt Kusmack 2nd Julie McKee

Supervisor

Road commission will be mowing roadsides. Tommy Simpson, Zoning Administrator will have office hours. They will be posted at a later date. 3 different sites with campers will be turned into the health department.

Zoning Administrator

Not present, but Makay stated that Tommy Simpson will be available Monday or Tuesdays in the future for office hours accumulating to 10-20 hours per month.

County Commissioner

None.

Senior Services

None.

Van Buren Sheriff Department

Dispatch report for the previous month of July was submitted.

Cemetery Report

JC Sons cleaned up debris from storm. One stone slid off mount and Dave Wiles will be fixing.

New Building Committee

Waiting on Village to return call about De-annexation of village property.

Old Business:

Bids extended for the painting of the town hall.

New Business:

Absentee Voter Drop Box has been delivered as of 8/10/2023. Clerk McKee is contacting the Bureau of Elections for further instructions.

Public Comment:

Jason West-Thanks Julie McKee for running the election. Asked if there's any new ordinance in place for the possible new legislature about solar. Tom Motyka answered that the original ordinance despite having errors still stands. Jason stated it was illegal, while Tom says it is legal. Tom stated the election that was voted down was just the amendment to fix said errors. Bob Flory asked if the board is making new ordinances to which Supervisor Kusmack stated we do not have the authority to do so, the planning commission makes ordinances.

Motion to adjourn by Katelin Makay 2nd Matt Kusmack
End Of Meeting Time: 6:20pm

Julie McKee, Township Clerk