

**DECATUR TOWNSHIP**  
**March 2023 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was called to order on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7 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 January, regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Katelin Makay, second by Julie McKee. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Farmer's Market needs vendors for the 2023 season.

Dan Abbott present: SCAR unit approved. New Narc unit. New Predators unit. Over 4700 inmates booked last year, 38% out of county residents.

**Public Comment:**

Riley Goss: concerned about safety hazards solar project may bring to the township.

**Clerk**

Current Bills were approved. Motion to approve: Tom Stull 2<sup>nd</sup>: Matt Kusmack

**Treasurer**

Tax collection complete. 93% collected for summer, 89% collected for winter. \$514,229.40 delinquent on taxes. Motion to approve: Matt Kusmack 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Stull

**Supervisor**

Former complaint about headstone moved by unauthorized snowplow was fixed at Harrison Cemetery.

Concrete blocks put in and around air conditioning unit outside of hall for protection.

Hydrant supply being looked into to expand at Harrison Cemetery

Fire Board is looking for a QR employee full time. All new graphics are done on fire vehicles. Siren to be fixed in upcoming weeks.

**Zoning Administrator**

No report

**County Commissioner**

Searching for new administrator

4/13/23 VA services to help veterans with affairs.

ROBIN Grant for MEC for internet access to all of Decatur

**Senior Services**

No report

**Van Buren Sheriff Department**

Dispatch report for the previous month of February was submitted.

**Cemetery Report**

Trees and branches down at Lakeside Cemetery. Will be cleaned up in a few weeks pending weather. Julie McKee and Katelin Makay marked foundations at Lakeside and Harrison cemeteries on 3/6/23.

**Old Business:**

ORV Ordinance: #5 Resolution for 2023 meeting scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for public hearing.

**New Business:**

Market Van Buren MEC 102K ROBIN internet grant/program. Motion to approve was submitted by Matt Kusmack 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Stull to the board for approval. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Conservation District looking to support a paid trash drop off point in Decatur. Recycling available. March 23, 2023 Volunteer Dinner & tree sale. Dump Day 4/29/23.

Audit Report: ongoing

Senior Services-usage of the hall facilities is not approved due to the lack of a contract to support such services.

**Public Comment:**

Tom Motycka-about Mike Motycka, email about land adjustment.

Riley Goss-Advises board to look at other solar options as well as other places than Decatur.

Christine Eyre-Afraid property values will decrease due to solar expansion.

Jason West-plans to give Clerk solar petitions next Tuesday 3/14/23.

**Motion to adjourn** by Katelin Makay, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Julie McKee. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

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Julie McKee, Township Clerk