

DECATUR TOWNSHIP MINUTES

November 14th, 2024

Call to Order Time: 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was called to order on Thursday, July 11th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor Kevin Kusmack, Clerk Julie McKee, Treasurer Katelin Makay, Trustee Matt Kusmack, & Trustee Tom Stull. There were 6 guests present.

Regular Meeting: Approval of Minutes – October Regular Meeting

Motion: Tom Stull 2nd: Matt Kusmack

Correspondence:

- Paw Paw Twp master plan was submitted
- Lawrence Twp master plan was submitted
- Drain Commissioner – Authorized a contractor to perform maintenance work on the Storms and McGuire Drain
- Village of Decatur IFT for Special Lite – Public Hearing on November 18th @ 7PM for their extension of their buildings
- VBCRC- VB County ORV Ordinance – New Van Buren County ORV Ordinance was shown for the county.

Public Comments: (3-minute time limit from podium) – **Please Identify Yourself**
None.

Clerk's Report: Current Bills: Motion to approve: Kevin Kusmack 2nd: Katelin Makay
Current bills were reviewed. Election results were given for the November 5th, 2024, election

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve: Matt Kusmack 2nd: Tom Stull
The bank accounts will be moved to next week to the new bank. Tax bills will go live next Monday November 18th on the BS&A cloud

Supervisor's Report

Flashing stop sign possible to be put in on Old Swamp Rd. and CR 669.
Blight on 92nd Ave, CR 669, and 39th Street being take care of by Officer Borah
Road Meeting 12/9 @6pm
Fire board and Quick response approve EFT's to pay bills online for the board.
One new member on the fire department
If funds available, overlay/wedge/seal/ 82nd in 2025

Reports:

County Commissioner Tina Leary:

Saturday 12/14/25 MSU Extension will be holding a class to inform incumbent board members learn about their duties and roles.

Zoning Administrator OJ Hamilton:

1 permit issued. 2 dozen calls, but some were for the Village. 4 people working on site plans. Rejected one site plan as it was encroaching on the neighbor's property. Metal fencing is considered a permanent structure, and people should contact zoning about the structures

Sheriff report:

Gave October's reports and updated on current blight enforcements by Matt Kusmack as Officer Borah was unable to attend but sent an alternate officer to drop of the last months report.

Cemetery report:

-Enforcement of Decoration Violations: Julie McKee stated there are too many violations going on in both Harrison and Lakeside cemeteries. The fine to be imposed will be up to \$500 if after being contacted, the bricks, rocks, plants, glass, etc. are not removed. A portion of the ordinance will be posted in the paper and certain people will be contacted soon.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

-Oaths of Office were administered to all members of the Board taking office on November 20th at noon.

-Clerk Julie McKee – Proposal for New tabulator for future elections: Clerk McKee stated that a use for a new tabulator would be in the Township's best interest. It will take close to a year to get a new tabulator. The old tabulator will be used in future larger elections for an Absentee Counting Board.

Motion to approve new tabulator: Katelin Makay 2nd: Matt Kusmack

Roll Call Vote: YEA: All Board Members NAY: None Motion carried.

-Resolution: To create enhanced access policy 2024-5: Policy will make future applicants who want to see the township's tax roll pay for said tax roll.

Motion to approve Matt Kusmack 2nd: Tom Stull

Roll Call Vote: YEA: All Board Members NAY: None Motion carried.

-Insurance Policy Updated

Public Comments:

None.

Motion to Adjourn: Matt Kusmack 2nd: Julie McKee

Meeting Adjourned: 6:33pm