

DECATUR TOWNSHIP MINUTES

March 13th, 2025

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, March 13th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor Kevin Kusmack, Clerk Julie McKee, Treasurer Katelin Makay, Trustee Zach Polomcak, & Trustee Josh Hunsberger. There were 6 guests present.

Regular Meeting: Approval of Minutes – February 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion: Katelin Makay 2nd: Zach Polomcak

Correspondence:

Letter of support is needed for the Village of Decatur to the DNR for the second phase of restructuring Red Wolfe Park. Letter of support will be written soon.

Flowers for early learning has invited the community to their open house on March 21, 2025 at 9am.

Public Comments: (3-minute time limit from podium) – **Please Identify Yourself**

Rex Grant has concerns of property adjacent to his for blight. 76999 M51 will be inspected by Blight Officer Hathaway 03-14-25.

Clerk's Report: **Current Bills:** Motion to approve: Katelin Makay 2nd: Josh Hunsberger
Current bills were reviewed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve: Julie McKee 2nd: Zach Polomcak
Tax collection is complete at the township level. 85% of taxes were collected.
Disbursements for delinquent taxes will be coming in May or early June.

Supervisor's Report

- 39th/77th have price from Road Commission to cut the trees down.
- Road Commission to start grating gravel roads 03/17/2025
- Hydrants will be going in soon at Harrison Cemetery
- Board of Review had 4 people come in for questions and no petitions.
- Property on 79th St.-Board will be taking legal actions to clean up the blight.

Reports: County Commissioner Tina Leary:

- Audit done early with no errors. Clean audit.
- Cuts have been made to Veteran services, therefore no dental services being scheduled until current funds are accounted for.
- County has approved BS&A for their future plans for taxes and other uses.

Zoning Administrator OJ Hamilton:

Absent. Report given by Katelin Makay—No new applications. 1 application was submitted with missing information, yet he has not heard back from them despite repeated requests to contact. 1 application is being reviewed pending meeting with client.

Sheriff report:

Current traffic and other violations were reported.

Cemetery report:

Cemetery Cleanup 2025. All decorations to be removed by 04/18/2025 and no new decorations to be put up until 05/01/2025.

Old Business:

Sheriff Dept: Adding 5 hours of dedicated road time for officer Hathaway has been tabled until funds or a millage can be passed to acquire said funds.

New Business:

-Van Buren County Road Commission Maintenance Approval:

Motion to Approve: Katelin Makay 2nd: Julie McKee

Roll Call: KK: Yes JM: Yes KM: Yes ZP: Yes JH: Yes

Motion Carried.

-Lake of the Woods Aquatic Weed Control Resolution: 2025-3:

Motion to Approve: Kevin Kusmack 2nd: Katelin Makay

Roll Call: KK: Yes JM: Yes KM: Yes ZP: Yes JH: Yes

Motion Carried.

-State of Construction Code Ordinance: 2025-1:

Motion to Approve: Julie McKee 2nd: Josh Hunsberger

Roll Call: KK: Yes JM: Yes KM: Yes ZP: Yes JH: Yes

Motion Carried.

-PA 116 Termination for Ceres Farms LLC:

Motion to Approve: Kevin Kusmack 2nd: Katelin Makay

Roll Call: KK: Yes JM: Yes KM: Yes ZP: Yes JH: Yes

Motion Carried.

-FEMA documents- Supervisor Kusmack will take a look at the documents and follow up with the correct people.

-Resolution to Set July Board of Review 2025-4:

Motion to Approve: Julie McKee 2nd: Josh Hunsberger

Roll Call: KK: Yes JM: Yes KM: Yes ZP: Yes JH: Yes

Motion Carried.

-Resolution to Set December Board of Review 2025-5:

Motion to Approve: Julie McKee 2nd: Katelin Makay
Roll Call: KK: Yes JM: Yes KM: Yes ZP: Yes JH: Yes
Motion Carried.

-Resolution for Poverty Exemption Guidelines 2025-6:

Motion to Approve: Katelin Makay 2nd: Zach Polomcak
Roll Call: KK: Yes JM: Yes KM: Yes ZP: Yes JH: Yes
Motion Carried.

Public Comments:

Greg Kinney: The county has approved double seal coating in the county and it will be used on CR 352.

Motion to Adjourn: Katelin Makay 2nd: Julie McKee

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 pm