

## DECATUR TOWNSHIP

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was called to order on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor Kevin Kusmack, Treasurer Katelin Makay, Clerk Katie Hartwell, and Trustees Matt Kusmack and Tom Stull. There were 8 guests present.

Minutes from the June 10, 2021 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Makay, second by M. Kusmack. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Minutes from the June 10, 2021 closed session were reviewed. Motion to approve by K. Kusmack, second by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Minutes from the Truth in Taxation and Budget Public Hearing Special Meeting held on June 28, 2021 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Makay, second by M. Kusmack. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

### Correspondence:

The Clerk submitted a listing of the June bills that were paid with board approval to close out FY 2020-2021.

The Treasurer submitted her June report. Tax collection has begun. Motion to accept as presented by Hartwell, second by Stull. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

### Reports:

Supervisor – Solar Energy Ordinance is currently being discussed with Hamilton Township. The Supervisor presented materials from Southwest Michigan Solar Project who are proposing a solar project off 46<sup>th</sup> St west of New Swamp Road, that will be in both Decatur and Hamilton Townships.

Supervisor is meeting with residents in regards to the acquisition of addition property for Lakeside Cemetery Expansion.

County Rd 669 and 78<sup>th</sup> had a wash out from a driveway, the Road Commission is working with the homeowner.

Fire Board Annual Budget meeting was attended by ALL Decatur Township Board members. A Truck committee was formed to purchase a new pumper truck that will keep insurance premiums low.

There was storm damage to electrical lines on 42<sup>nd</sup> St.

County Commissioner Don Hanson – reported the county will appeal Covert tax tribunal for years 2017-2021. Sheriff's dispatch upgraded radios and bundled equipment, saving \$100,000, and Bangor Township will rent a Sheriff's deputy for 10 hours a week.

Van Buren Sheriff Department – Dispatch report for June presented; National Night Out for the Neighborhood Watch will be at Lawrence Park August 3, 2021 at 6:00pm.

The Zoning Administrator and Code Enforcement Officer Tommy Simpson was present but had no report.

There was no report from Senior Activities.

The Cemetery Co-Sexton reported that they purchased back a lot from a former resident for \$25, the original purchase price. There was storm damage to trees in Harrison Cemetery, a few branches in Lakeside. Anderson Cemetery has trees that are leaning, will consult with businesses to address these issues.

Old Business:

Solar Energy Ordinance – the Board will continue conversations with Hamilton Township before bringing an ordinance to the board.

Signage by Red Woolfe Park – was completed, it states “no boat launch, no public access.”

New Business:

Budget amendments for fiscal year 2020-2021 were presented by the Clerk. Motion to accept as presented by Makay, second by K. Kumack. Roll call vote, all yes, motion carried.

Budget for FY 2021-2022 was presented by the Clerk, amended from prior years to comply with State Guidelines. Motion to accept as presented by K. Kusmack, second by Stull. Roll call vote, all yes, motion carried.

Board of Review Corrections Meeting will be July 19, 2021 at 7:30am at the Township Hall.

Public Comments:

A resident from Leisure Valley Campground stated concern about a race track on private property that has taken down electrical wires. He also has had a dispute in regards to an easement. Supervisor Kusmack will consult the attorneys and respond to this issue.

Motion to adjourn by Stull, second by M. Kusmack. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23p.m.

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Katie Hartwell, Township Clerk