

DECATUR TOWNSHIP

The regular meeting of the Decatur Township Board was held on Thursday, October 8, 2020. Trustees Kevin Kusmack (out of town) and James Abshagen (hospital) were excused and there were 3 guests.

The minutes from the September 10, 2020 regular meeting were reviewed and motion to approve them was made by Katelin Makay and supported by Tom Stull. Vote, all yes. Current bills were reviewed and motion to approve them for payment was made by Katelin Makay and supported by Tom Stull. Vote, all yes.

The Treasurer was absent and he will submit the September and October reports at the November regular meeting. The Supervisor was absent and there was no report. There were no public comments and no reports submitted from Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer and County Commissioner Hanson. Van Buren Sheriff Department report was presented and discussed. No Senior Services Activities report.

Katelin Makay (incoming Treasurer) discussed computer purchases as well as printing our own tax bills. By printing our own bills, within a year the updated computer for the Treasurer would pay for itself. The Board agreed with her plans and instructed her to proceed with the purchases.

The Van Buren District Library submitted a request from Decatur Township to appoint a representative on their Library Board of Trustees to replace the late Libby Godwin. Motion was made by Janet Abshagen and supported by Tom Stull to appoint David Vliek to this position. David will fulfill Libby's term thru the end of December and serve as our representative for the four-year term to run from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024. The Board approved this appointment unanimously.

Clerk Janet Abshagen presented the Comcast Franchise Renewal documentation and motion to renew the contract was made by Katelin Makay and supported by Tom Stull. Roll call vote, all yes.

The Election Commission recommendations for workers for the November 3, 2020 General Election was accepted. The same workers as August and one additional newly trained worker, Lisa Creagan. Also, Clerk Abshagen will be available to assist if necessary. Clerk Abshagen reported that she has issued over 625 absentee ballots and that the public testing of election equipment is scheduled Saturday, October 10 at 8:00 A.M.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting ws adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Janet Abshagen, Township Clerk
(continued)

Continued (Minutes 10/8/20)

Current Bills approved:

GENERAL

Village of Decatur	30.58
Indiana Michigan Power	50.28
Consumers Energy	15.86
Frontier	102.57
Moormann Printing	96.75
VBC Road Commission	7,481.04
VB Conservation District - Haz. Waste	500.00
Tommy Simpson -- hours worked	500.00
Shalice Northrop - Contract	1,804.58
Trustees	270.00
Kevin Kusmack, Supervisor	970.00
Janet Abshagen, Clerk	1,710.00
Clerk's Office Expenses	175.00
James Abshagen, Treasurer	1,710.00
Treasurer Offices Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
	\$15,416.66

CEMETERY

Indiana Michigan Power - garage	21.48
Indiana Michigan Power - Sec. Lts.	28.18
Consumers Energy	14.00
Best Way Disposal	10.00
Kusmack Lawn Care	2,500.00
Decatur Lumber Co.	307.40
David Wiles - Grave Openings	300.00
David Wiles - Foundations	670.40
Janet Abshagen - Co-Sexton	60.00
James Abshagen - Co-Sexton	<u>0.00</u>
	\$3,911.46

TOTAL \$19,328.12