

**Regular Meeting
Denton Township Board
December 4, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Spaulding.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Present: Spaulding, Asher, Seaford, Fuller and Pedersen.
The Treasurer's report was received.
Minutes of the November 6, 2019 regular meeting were approved as distributed.
Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to approve bills for November 2019.

Planning Commission (PC) Appointments.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to re-appoint Paul Tiepel to the Denton Township Planning Commission for a term of 01/01/2020 through 12/31/2022.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Appointments.

Motion by Asher supported by Spaulding to re-appoint Kent Straub to the Denton Township Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of 01/01/2020 through 12/31/2022.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

2020 Tip-Up-Town USA Fireworks Approval.

The Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce is requesting Township Board approval for the 2020 Tip-Up-Town USA fireworks. The display will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 with Saturday, January 25, 2020 being a backup date. The fireworks will be set off on the water (ice) of Houghton Lake and if the ice conditions are inadequate the fireworks will be held behind the middle school property off West Houghton Lake Drive.

Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to approve the request from the Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce for the Tip-Up-Town USA fireworks permit for 2020.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Extension for former "Chi-Town" Property.

A letter from Zoning Administrator Rachael Barnes was read regarding the old "Chi-Town" property. Due to a few mishaps with inspectors and contractors the date of November 14, 2019, that the business was required to be opened by, has lapsed. The Township Board is the only Board that has the authority to grant an extension.

Motion by Spaulding supported by Asher to grant the business formerly known as "Chi-Town" a six (6) month extension. Business must be opened by June 4, 2020.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Increase Non-Resident Fee for Compost Site.

Supervisor Spaulding advised that the non-resident rate for a compost site permit needs to be reviewed. The current rate is \$25.00 for compost waste only and a good majority of the permits are renewed annually. These permits run for a calendar year, January 1st through December 31st. He is proposing a new rate of \$50.00, which includes all compost refuse and includes recyclables.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Asher to increase the fee from \$25.00 to \$50.00 annually, for non-resident compost site stickers, effective January 1, 2020. Anyone with a non-resident sticker may bring compost or recyclable items to the Compost Site located at 2447 Level Park Road, Prudenville MI 48651.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Lake of the Kirks Church/Lake Transmission Update.

Attorney Roberta Chrispell, along with building grounds manager Bob Bonacorsi, inquired about any updates on the Lake of the Kirks Church/Lake Transmission parking problems. Supervisor Spaulding advised that a certified letter had been sent to the owners on December 2, 2019 and they must respond within 15 days of signing for the letter. If the owners of Lake Transmission will not sign the Special Use Permit Clarification Agreement then the next step would be to propose to the Denton Township Planning Commission revocation proceedings and terminate the special use permit at their next regularly scheduled meeting on January 14, 2020.

Gleason Mobile Home at the Denton Township RV Park.

Attorney Roberta Chrispell also advised that she has not heard from any of the heirs from the Gleason estate regarding the mobile home at the RV Park. She will be in contact with Park Manager Shawn Walser to begin the process of selling mobile home unit. Attorney Chrispell would like a letter on Township letterhead stating amount due for back rent, attorney fees and/or any other associated costs.

Correspondence.

A letter of Congratulations from Congressman John Moolenaar re: Grant for Fire Department from USDA Rural Development to help with the purchase of voice pagers and radios.

The Fire, Police, Mobile Home/Campground and Stone Hall rental reports were received and filed. There were 21 fire runs/rescues and 125 Original Police reports. There are no mobile homes for sale. The Stone Hall was rented 13 times.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes subject to correction at the next regular meeting of the Board.