

**Regular Meeting &
Public Hearing
Denton Township Board
December 5, 2018**

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 7, 2018 regular meeting/public hearing were approved as distributed.
Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to approve bills for November 2018.

Supervisor Spaulding opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. He advised that the Police Chief has applied for a grant from the USDA for the purchase of a new patrol car in 2019. If approved the grant amount received would be \$16,075.00. The public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Planning Commission Resignation.

A letter of resignation from the Denton Township Planning Commission was read from Kim Akin, effective December 15, 2018.

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to regretfully accept the resignation of Kim Akin from the Denton Township Planning Commission effective December 15, 2018. Thank you Kim Akin for your dedication to the Township.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Planning Commission (PC) Appointments.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Spaulding to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Administrator and go from a seven (7) person board to a five (5) person board for the Denton Township Planning Commission.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to re-appoint Joyce Golden to the Denton Township Planning Commission with a term of 01/01/2019 through 12/31/2021. Thank you Morry McLain for your years of service to the Township.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Appointments.

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to re-appoint Mr. Lynn Baese to the Denton Township Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of 01/01/2019 through 12/31/2021, move Kent Straub to a regular member for a term of 01/01/2019 through 12/31/2019, and appoint Carl Seils as an alternate for a term of 01/01/2019 through 12/31/2021. Also, appoint new member Tina Seegraves as an alternate for a term of 01/01/2019 through 12/31/2021. Upon not re-appointing Morry McLain, Jim Braid will now serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals as the dual person serving on both boards with a term expiring 12/31/2021.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Board of Review Appointments.

A letter of recommendation for appointing members to the Denton Township Board of Review was received from Assessor, Sarah Stevens. After some discussion:

Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to re-appoint Mr. Lynn Baese and Carolyn Pietchak, along with new member Gerald Dixson (who will replace Fred Chidester) as regular members of the Denton Township Board of Review and Diane Tompkins as an alternate board member. All of the terms are from 01/01/2019 through 12/31/2020. Thank you Fred Chidester for your time on the Denton Township Board of Review.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Equipment Purchase for Fire Department. (Portable Jaws-of Life)

An estimate from First Due was reviewed for a Holmatro EVO Spreader and a Holmatro EVO Cutter, better known as Jaws-of-Life.

Motion by Spaulding supported by Fuller to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase the equipment as quoted from First Due in an amount not to exceed \$23,202.22. This includes the spreader, the cutter, four (4) 28 v batteries and two (2) chargers including shipping and handling.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Tru-Green Quotes for 2019.

The annual quotes from Tru-Green were reviewed. There is a small increase from the prior year.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Asher to approve the contracts for the 2019 lawn season with Tru-Green as follows: Denton Township Offices-four (4) treatments @ \$168.44, Denton Township EMS Station-four (4) treatments @ \$206.00, Trestle Park-four (4) treatments @ \$357.00, Denton Township Ball Field-four (4) treatments @ \$437.24 and the Denton Township Soccer Fields-four (4) treatments and one treatment for grub prevention @ \$2,256.63.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Proposal to Purchase Cell Tower Lease.

Supervisor Spaulding advised that the Township had a company known as Landmark Dividend currently reach out with a proposal to purchase our cell tower lease. They offer a lump sum payment. After a review of the offer:

Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to deny the request of Landmark Dividend to purchase the cell tower lease.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

2018 Tip-Up-Town USA Fireworks Approval.

The Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce is requesting Township Board approval for the 2019 Tip-Up-Town USA fireworks. The display will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2019 with Saturday, January 26, 2019 being a reschedule day. The fireworks will be set off on the water (ice) of Houghton Lake and if the ice conditions are inadequate the fireworks will shot from the school property off West Houghton Lake Drive.

Motion by Asher supported by Seaford to approve the request from the Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce for the Tip-Up-Town USA fireworks permit for 2019.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Correspondence.

Thank you from the Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce re: Contribution for the 2019 Tip-Up-Town Fireworks. Letter of Thanks from Jack D. Krupa to the Ambulance Department, specifically Bob and Josh who helped save his life on the morning of September 12, 2018. Great job, guys.

Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program awarded to the Denton Township Fire Department in the amount of \$1,335.00 to purchase a foam unit and wildland tools.

The Ambulance, Fire, Police, Mobile Home/Campground and Stone Hall rental reports were received and filed. There were 150 Ambulance calls in November. There were 14 fire runs/rescues and 155 Original Police reports. There are no mobile homes for sale. The Stone Hall was rented 12 times.

Supervisor Spaulding advised that the trailhead is now open and ready for use. He also asked the Board to consider the purchase of different banners to be placed on the streetlights at various places in the Township. This will be discussed at the budget workshops.

A meeting date for a Public Hearing regarding the purchase of the old Surplus Store at M-55 and M-18 was brought up and a date for January of 2019 will be forthcoming.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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

Carol A. Asher, Clerk

Bob Spaulding, Supervisor