

**Regular Meeting  
Denton Township Board  
February 7, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Spaulding, Asher, Seaford, Fuller and Pedersen.

The Treasurer's report was received.

Minutes of the January 3, 2018 Regular Meeting and the January 11, 2018, the January 18, 2018 and the January 30, 2018 Special Meetings were approved as distributed.

Motion by Fuller supported by Seaford to approve the bills for January, 2018.

**Transfer Cable Franchise Fees to Fire Department.**

Motion by Pedersen supported by Seaford to approve the transfer of \$10,500.00 (\$500.00 X 21 runs) from the cable franchise fee line item in the General Fund to the Fire Department Fund.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Roscommon County Solid Waste Recycling Fee Increase for Household Hazardous Waste.**

A letter from Barb Stauffer, Coordinator of the Crawford/Roscommon County Conservation District was reviewed. Due to the increasing costs of the Household Hazardous waste collections, the Recycling Committee decided that an increase from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per parcel would be needed to continue this program at the current level. There are two (2) Household Hazardous waste collections annually and there has been no price increase in six (6) years.

Motion by Asher supported by Spaulding to approve the rate increase from \$1.00 per parcel to \$1.50 per parcel for the Household Hazardous waste collection as requested by the Roscommon County Recycling Committee.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**2017 Allocation Funds Carry Over from Roscommon County Road Commission.**

Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the request from the Roscommon County Road Commission to carry forward the unused Township Allocation amount of \$4,514.64 from 2017, for various construction projects to be used in 2018.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Letter to Contractors re: Compost Site Changes.**

A letter that is being proposed to be sent to all Commercial Accounts that currently use the Denton Township Compost Site was reviewed. The policy of taking tree limbs over four (4) inches needs to be addressed. Supervisor Spaulding advised that he is planning a meeting with several of the contractors that use the facility to come up with a plan that will be fair and equitable to all. The cost of grinding the brush, logs and stumps, as well as hauling away the chips has escalated significantly in the past several years. Supervisor Spaulding will advise at the next board meeting.

**Hire Contingent Employees for Ambulance Department.**

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to authorize Ambulance Chief Rick Dupon to hire William G. Tarrant, Forrest Post, and Zach Yunker as contingent EMT's and David Roggon as a contingent Paramedic effective February 11, 2018.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Houghton Lake Sewer Authority Camera Truck.**

After a presentation by Houghton Lake Sewer Authority Superintendent John Hines at the regular board meeting on November 1, 2017 and a Public Meeting on January 30, 2018, it is time for the Denton Township Board to make a decision on contributing to the purchase of a sewer camera truck for inspections of the entire sewer system. The contribution of \$50,000.00 is an all or none proposition meaning that each Township must contribute. There is another idea of adding a one-time fee to all of the sewer active billing units at a cost of \$30.00. After a short discussion:

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen that the Township contribute the \$50,000.00 (from money left over when Sewer Fund was dissolved) contingent upon the other three (3) townships, Lake, Markey and Roscommon, contributing. If the other idea of assessing the one-time \$30.00 fee can be legally accomplished the Board will approve that option instead of the \$50,000.00 contribution.

Pedersen – aye, Asher – aye, Seaford – aye, Fuller – aye, Spaulding – aye, Motion Carried.

**Request for Proposals (RFP)/Bid Policy.**

There is an old sealed competitive bidding resolution from February 2, 1994 still on the books.

Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to rescind the sealed competitive bidding process adopted February 2, 1994 at the regular meeting of the Denton Township Board.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to adopt the following: Denton Township shall solicit sealed bids for all contracts which the Township Board anticipates a total obligation of \$5,000.00 or more. The requirements for sealed bids shall not apply to intergovernmental contracts, contracts for professional services or emergency repair. Projects under \$5,000.00 will not require competitive bidding but must be approved by the Denton Township Board. The Request for Proposal Guidelines on file at the Township Office will be followed.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Correspondence.**

Information from Roscommon County Road Commission re: PA 283 of 1909 better known as County Road Law.

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Ambulance, Police, Mobile Home/Campground and Hall Rental reports received and filed. There were 169 Ambulance runs and 142 original Police reports. There are three (3) mobile homes for sale. The Stone Hall was rented 10 times.

Supervisor Spaulding introduced Sr. Engineer from ATC Group Services, Timothy D. Rombach. Spaulding announced that the Township has recently been in conversation with the DEQ regarding the possible purchase (with grant dollars available) of the Surplus Store on the corner of M-18 and M-55. Mr. Rombach is a consultant that works on Brownfield Development Grants and his company has done many environmental assessments. Rombach explained that this was one of the necessary steps in procuring a grant. The Board thanked Mr. Rombach for his input and time and welcomed him to join us at another meeting or workshop. Paperwork from the DEQ should be available soon.

Roscommon County Commissioner Marc Milburn thanked the Board for their diligence on the sewer camera truck.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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

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Carol A. Asher, Clerk

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Bob Spaulding, Supervisor