

**Regular Meeting
Denton Township Board
January 3, 2018**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Minutes of the December 6, 2017 Regular Meeting and the December 11, 2017 Special Meeting were approved as distributed.

Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to approve the bills for December 2017.

Open (5) Sealed Bids for Demolition of 310 Devonshire Drive.

The Township has a court order to demolish the home and shed at 310 Devonshire Drive. An advertisement for sealed bids was placed in the Houghton Lake Resorter and five (5) sealed bids were received and opened as follows: Bierlein Companies of Midland MI @ \$8,800.00, S & J Excavating Inc. of Roscommon MI @ \$10,850.00, BLS Contracting LLC of Houghton Lake MI @ \$15,250.00, Robbin Harsh Excavating of Clare MI @ \$8,400.00 and Sajdak Contractor of Prudenville MI @ \$5,500.00.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Asher to authorize the Supervisor to contract with Sajdak Contractor of Prudenville MI for demolition of 310 Devonshire Drive (house and shed) at a cost not to exceed \$5,500.00. Two stipulations added were the grass seed planting may be done in early spring and job must be completed in 60 days.

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

Five (5) Year Trash Collection Contract.

The Township's contract for trash collection currently with Waste Management will expire on March 31, 2018. The Township Board recently requested proposals from local refuse collectors and met with two out of the four that replied with proposals. The two that replied were Waste Management and Republic Services. The Supervisor gave a very detailed explanation of the differences in the proposals. Four (4) of the main items reviewed were pricing per unit, day of collection, revenue from recycled products and fuel surcharge. Curbside recycling pricing was requested from both companies but it is cost prohibitive. The low cost for bi-weekly pickup would range between \$142,436.64 and \$159,444.00 annually. Both proposals are on file at the Township Office.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contract when received from Waste Management. This will be a five (5) year contract which will include weekly pickup of five bags and one large item, four dumpsters emptied weekly and the current arrangement of picking up recycled products from the compost site with recycling dollars being returned to the Township.

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

Floor Covering Estimated for Ambulance Department.

Two proposals for flooring in six (6) bedrooms at the Ambulance Department were reviewed. One was from The Floor Store @ \$5,308.00 and one from Northern Flooring and Design Center @ \$9,661.80.

Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to approve the proposal for floor covering in the Ambulance Department from The Floor Store at a cost not to exceed \$5,308.00.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

MTA Annual Educational Conference.

Motion by Asher supported by Seaford to authorize attendance for any board member who wants to attend the Michigan Townships Association Educational Conference & Expo in April 2018. Same accommodations as previous years.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Correspondence.

Conservation District & Recycling Updates. There is now a new site to recycle used building supplies for a small fee in Kalkaska. Complete list available at the Township Office.

Memo from Jill Reynolds, representative from Waste Management re: Waste Management allocated dollars usually used for holiday cheer to the Pediatric Unit at Covenant Healthcare. Thank you Jill and Waste Management.

IRS standard mileage rates for 2018 up from 53.5 cents to 54.5 cents.

Houghton Lake Sewer Authority (HLSA) Superintendent, John Hines, will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Denton Township Hall with information on the sewer camera truck. All four Township residents that are included in the HLSA district are invited to attend.

The Supervisor informed the Board that real estate broker, Ruth Clemens, called him and advised that the property formerly known as Archie's/Surplus is available if the Township is interested.

Fire, Police, Mobile Home/Campground and Stone Hall Rental reports received and filed. There were 13 Fire calls and 135 original Police reports. There are three (3) mobile home units for sale. The Stone Hall was rented 14 times in December.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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

Carol A. Asher, Clerk

Bob Spaulding, Supervisor