

**Regular Meeting
Denton Township Board
January 8, 2020**

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 December 4, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.
Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to approve the bills for December 2019.

Little Free Library Presentation by Deann Gross.

Supervisor Spaulding introduced Deann Gross and explained that she has expressed interest in creating a "Little Free Library" for use in Denton Township. The purpose of the program is to provide easy access to free books for people in the community. Taking and leaving books is encouraged. Deann would be checking the library once a month and Houghton Lake Community Schools will fully fund the project. The students in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) lab will create the mailbox (library) to be installed in the spring of 2020. Motion by Asher supported by Spaulding to approve the installation of one "Little Free Library" in Denton Township at a site to be determined in the spring of 2020.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Summer 2020 Tax Collection for Houghton Lake Community Schools.

A copy of a resolution from the Board of Education of the Houghton Lake Community Schools, Roscommon and Missaukee Counties, Michigan, was reviewed. The Board of Education is requesting that the Township of Denton collect the district's summer school property taxes, including debt services. After some discussion: Motion by Asher supported by Seaford to collect summer school property taxes, including debt services for the Houghton Lake Community School district in the amount of \$2.50 per parcel, commencing July of 2020. This shall be an annual resolution presented by the Houghton Lake Community School district to each city and/or township. Spaulding – aye, Seaford – aye, Fuller – aye, Asher – aye, Pedersen – aye, Motion Carried.

Three Properties on the Dangerous Building List.

At the October 29, 2019, Dangerous Building Hearing Meeting, the Dangerous Building Hearing Officer advised that the following three (3) properties and accessory building need to be demolished, along with the septic and/or sewer being capped and all blight cleaned up. The properties are 111 Gazelle Drive, 5361 W. Emery Road and 113 Arrowwood Drive. After discussion: Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to send letters to the owners of 111 Gazelle Drive, Prudenville MI 48651 and 113 Arrowwood Drive, Prudenville MI 48651 advising them that they have 60 days from date of the letter sent by the Township, to demolish/raze house and all accessory buildings, demolish septic or disconnect sewer and cap well, and clean up all blight. If not completed in 60 days the Township will commence demolition on these two (2) properties.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Fuller supported by Spaulding to approve the request of Renee Reeve and give her until July 9, 2020 (6 months) to have the property at 5361 W. Emery Road, Prudenville MI 48651 quit claimed to her and have all the buildings demolished and all the blight cleaned up. The Supervisor will review at that time to determine any further course of action.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Tip-Up-Town USA Sponsorship/Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to authorize \$500.00 for the Fireworks Partner Level for the 70th Tip-Up-Town USA. 2020 dates are January 17-19 and January 24-25, 2020.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

Phone System Update.

Supervisor Spaulding advised that a new phone system using PFN 50M Fiber would be a cost savings as well as an update to the aging equipment currently in use at the Township. Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Net Express for a new phone system. This will include the Township Hall, Fire Department and Police Department with the equipment and installation fees costing \$5,413.00, amortized over 36 months.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

MTA Annual Educational Conference.

Motion by Asher supported by Spaulding to authorize attendance for any board member who wants to attend the Michigan Townships Association Educational Conference & Expo in April of 2020. Same accommodations as previous years.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Correspondence.

Letter from Attorney Thomas B. Falkner advising that he will be relocating his law office to 2760 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Suite 400, Houghton Lake MI 48629.

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Ambulance, Fire, Police, Mobile Home/Campground and Stone Hall Rental reports received and filed. There were 179 Ambulance calls, 20 Fire calls and 125 original Police reports. There is one mobile home unit for sale. The Stone Hall was rented 14 times in December.

Supervisor Spaulding advised that we are still awaiting news about any grant funding for the old Surplus building from EGLE. (Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, formerly DEQ.) Also, the Christmas trees on M-55 are going to stay up and they will be decorated for Tip-Up-Town USA.

The meeting adjourned a 7:35 p.m.

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

Carol A. Asher, Clerk

Bob Spaulding, Supervisor