

**Regular Meeting  
Denton Township Board  
July 11, 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 June 6, 2018 regular meeting and the June 13, 2018 and the June 15, 2018 special meetings were approved as distributed.

Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to approve the bills for June 2018.

**Approval of Installation of Steps on Seawall in Houghton Lake Reserve Sub-Division.**

A letter from Robert and Linda Demyan of 179 E Houghton Lake Drive was read requesting permission to install steps on the seawall that crosses over the easement. A letter from Attorney Bill Fahey was also received stating that if the Township wishes to allow the installation of steps, the Township should be either directly or indirectly involved, in order to avoid potential legal challenges to "private or exclusive" action.

Motion by Spaulding supported by Pedersen to approve the request of Robert and Linda Demyan of 179 East Houghton Lake Drive, to purchase, install, maintain and annually remove steps at the seawall located at the end of the public easement located between Lot 20 and Lot 21 near their home in Houghton Lake Reserve sub-division.

This will make accessing the lake easier and safer for the public. There will be no cost to the Township. The owners name and address must be on the steps. This motion will be effective immediately and will continue until rescinded by the Township or the Demyan's. The Roscommon County Road Commission will be marking the easement.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

**Approval to Purchase New Mattresses for Ambulance Quarters.**

Ambulance Chief Rick Dupon presented two (2) quotes to purchase new mattresses for the Ambulance quarters. One quote was from Comfort Center @ \$3,139.00 and one was from VanDrie Home Furnishings @ \$2,763.95.

Motion by Asher supported by Seaford to authorize the purchase of six (6) new mattresses for the ambulance quarters from VanDrie Home Furnishings at a cost not to exceed \$2,763.95.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Hire Four (4) Contingent Employees for Ambulance Department.**

Ambulance Chief Rick Dupon would like to hire four (4) contingent EMT's to help cover any open shifts.

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to approve hiring of four (4) contingent employees for the ambulance department as follows: Holly Laskey, Zachary Miller, Toni Tarrant and Alyssa Kenyon, effective July 12, 2018.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Purchase Scanner for Assessing Department and Clerk's Office.**

A quote for new scanners from Kodiak Group was reviewed.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to authorize the purchase of two (2) document scanners from Kodiak Group at a cost of \$290.00 each. One scanner is for the Assessing Department and one for the Clerk's Office.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Resolution for Waiver of Penalty and Interest for Untimely Filed Property Transfer Affidavits.**

Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Michigan State Tax Commission has published in the most recent guidelines for the AMAR (Assessing Minimum Audit Requirements) audit cycle that includes a review of the compliance of charging a fee for interest and penalty under 211.27b for not timely filing form 2766, "Property Transfer Affidavits" or the adoption of a resolution to the contrary; and

WHEREAS, MCL 211.27b requires a penalty to be assessed to the buyers of properties if a form 2766, "Property Transfer Affidavit" is not filed within 45 days of any transfer of ownership; and,

WHEREAS, MCL 211.27b (1c) (1d) defines the penalties by state statute; and,

WHEREAS, the AMAR audit provides for a resolution to waive penalties as deemed necessary; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to PA206 of 1893, The Township of Denton, Roscommon County authorizes the Denton Township Board to waive the collection of penalty and interest for untimely filed property transfer affidavits.

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

**Dangerous Building Advised for Removal.**

Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to submit the following five (5) parcels to the Houghton Lake Building Agency and the Dangerous Building Officer for the issuance and service of a notice of a hearing on whether these buildings or structures are deemed dangerous: Parcel #72-003-321-407-0000, Parcel #72-003-290-019-0000, Parcel #72-003-581-129-0000, Parcel #72-003-772-080-0000 and Parcel #72-003-700-007-0000.

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

**Purchase Temperature Probe, Moisture Probe and Range Finder for Compost Site.**

Motion by Fuller supported by Spaulding to authorize the purchase of the following three (3) items for the compost site at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. The items are a temperature probe, a moisture probe and a range finder.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Extended Warranty on Township Electronic Sign.**

A letter from Johnson Outdoor Digital Sign Company offering an extended warranty on the electronic sign that was installed and purchased in 2016, was reviewed.

Motion by Asher supported by Seaford to purchase the extended warranty offered by Johnson Outdoor Digital Sign Company, for one year, at a cost of \$500.00.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Chair Purchase for Fire Department.**

Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to approve the purchase of 52 folding chairs from Sam’s Club at a price not to exceed \$1,279.00 for the Denton Township Fire Department.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Restoration to the Basketball Court.**

Supervisor Spaulding presented a bid for restoration to the basketball court for the Board to review.

Motion by Fuller supported by Spaulding to approve the proposal submitted by Hentco Tennis Court Specialist to restore the basketball court, adjacent to the pickle ball and tennis courts, for the sum of \$6,261.00.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Firework Complaints.**

Supervisor Spaulding advised that he has received several letters, e-mails and phone calls about the excessive use of fireworks recently. The Supervisor would like to start the process of drafting a Fireworks Ordinance. After some discussion:

Motion by Fuller supported by Seaford to authorize the Supervisor to draft a “General Law/Police Power” Fireworks Ordinance for Denton Township. The Township Board will review at a later date when drafted.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Correspondence.**

2018 Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Information.

First Annual “Shake Houghton Lake Music Festival” Information and Invite from HL Chamber of Commerce.

Ambulance, Fire, Police, Mobile Home/RV Park and Stone Hall reports received and filed. There were 143 ambulance calls, 12 fires/rescues for the month of June and 210 Original Police reports. There are three (3) mobile homes for sale. There were 10 hall rentals.

Pastor Karen Blatt of the Kirk of the Lakes Presbyterian Church introduced herself. Welcome!!

Undersheriff Ben Lowe and Central Dispatch Director Vance Stringham spoke on the upcoming County millage renewals on the August 7, 2018 primary election ballot. Your support of these millages is appreciated.

An ongoing blight and dangerous situation on James Avenue was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 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