

**Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
Denton Township Board
November 7, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Spaulding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Spaulding, Asher, Seaford and Pedersen.

Absent: Fuller

The Treasurer's report was received for October, 2018.

Minutes of the October 3, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

Motion by Asher supported by Seaford to approve the bills for October 2018.

Supervisor Spaulding opened the Public Hearing regarding property #72-003-012-012-0080 owned by Joseph Carpenter. He explained that the vacant land was going to be developed for a garage condominium project and there were setbacks that had to be maintained. Hearing on questions the Public Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Motion on the Rezoning from Public Hearing.

Motion by Spaulding supported by Pedersen to approve the conceptual site plan on Parcel #72-003-012-012-0080, vacant land on W. West Branch Road, for a garage condominium project, Planned Unit Development (PUD), with the following condition recommended by the Denton Township Planning Commission: 1.) Maintain a 10' setback to the east and west neighboring properties, 2.) Maintain a 5' setback between the buildings on the side and rear, 3.) 25% of the rear five (5) acres (1 ½ acre) remain dedicated to the PUD as open space and 4.) Rezoning only applies to the front 6.25 acres.

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

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to approve the Denton Township zoning map be amended for Parcel #72-003-012-012-0080, vacant land on W. West Branch Road, for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) with the conceptual site plan being considered as a part of the request.

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

Release of Restrictive Covenant-Deer Run Estates #2.

A request for a release of a Restrictive Covenant that was filed on April 28, 2006 has been received by the Township. The Lots in question are Lots 427, 428 and 429 of Deer Run Estates #2.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Asher to deny the request for the Restrictive Covenant for Lots 427, 428 and 429 of Deer Run Estates #2. Further information on file at the Township.

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

Request for a Street Light on Dixie Blvd.

A request for a street light on Dixie Blvd. was received from Julie A. Fischer. The area is very dark and a street light is warranted.

Motion by Spaulding supported by Asher to approve the installation of a street light on Dixie Blvd.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 Motion Carried.

Hire Contingent Employee for Ambulance Department.

Motion by Asher supported by Seaford to approve the hiring of Anthony J. Wojtylko for a Contingent EMT effective November 8, 2018.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 Motion Carried.

Risk Reduction Grant for Police Department from Michigan Township Participating Plan.

The Risk Reduction Grant Program sponsored by The Michigan Township Participating Plan is now accepting grant applications from October 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018. Police Chief Dallas McGearry wrote a grant for new body camera and a new Taser.

Motion by Spaulding supported by Pedersen to authorize the grant application requesting \$2,722.00 from The Michigan Township Participating Plan for new body cameras and a new Taser for Police Department.

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

Resolution Opposing SB 396 (S-5).

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

WHEREAS, Roads are the backbone of the social, cultural and economic stability of Roscommon County and our region, and particularly Denton Township which makes significant annual contributions to preservation, maintenance and other activities on the local road system; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 396 (S-5) passed and reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee on September 6, 2018, allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (also known as "frost laws") to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads; and

WHEREAS, It is a fact in Denton Township and throughout all Northern states that all roads become soft in the spring as frost melts, and applying unrestricted 164,000-pound truck loading and traffic on soft roads, whether paved or unpaved, is poor public policy that defies common sense when it comes to road preservation, and will lead to significant damage to the road system, economic damage in Denton Township and increased risk to drivers in our region; and

WHEREAS, SB-396 also grants exemptions to the forest industry that will allow the hauling of forest products and transport of equipment on the public road system without obtaining proper permits from road authorities at all times of the year; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 will result in costly damage to the public road system which is the opposite of what the Michigan Legislature and the people of Michigan called for in the 2015 Michigan Transportation Package; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 will negatively impact the traveling public accessing the road system, burdening road authorities with expensive reactive maintenance repairs and significantly increased taxpayer costs, as well as increased county and township contributions to maintain the public road system; and

WHEREAS, the provisions in SB 396 and subsequent impacts to the local road system will negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Denton Township residents and the traveling public; and
WHEREAS, the Denton Township works closely with the Roscommon County Road Commission to maintain our vital local road network and to accommodate the logging industry wherever possible to also maintain the economic vitality of our region;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Denton Township hereby strongly opposes SB 396 (S-5); and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a vote hereon be taken by aye and nay and spread at large on the minutes of the Board.
Spaulding –aye, Asher – aye, Pedersen – aye, Seaford – aye, Fuller – absent, Motion Carried.

Purchase of Two (2) Laptop Computers for assessing Department.

A quote for two (2) Lenovo ThinkPad laptop computers from Kodiak Group was reviewed in the amount of \$1,743.40. Motion by Spaulding supported by Asher to purchase two (2) Lenovo ThinkPad laptop computers for the assessing department from Kodiak Group in an amount not to exceed \$1,743.40.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 Motion Carried.

Poverty Guidelines for 2019 Assessments.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Seaford to adopt the poverty income standards as set by Public Act 620 of 2002, for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2019 assessments. A complete copy of the resolution and guidelines are on file in the Assessor’s Office.

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

Tip-Up-Town USA Partnership/Donation.

A letter from Executive Director Kim Akin was received with regards to the 69th Annual Tip-Up-Town USA event and the partnership information.

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to authorize a \$500.00 community promotion award to be a Fireworks Partner for the 69th Tip-Up-Town USA event.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 Motion Carried.

Correspondence.

Letter regarding new hourly rate from Township Attorney effective January 1, 2019.

Letter from Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce re: Denton Township has been nominated for an award for the 2018 Celebrating Houghton Lake Members Choice Awards.

Supervisor Spaulding announced that Trestle Park is decorated (with more lights to come) and that the five (5) acre trailhead is almost completed.

The Ambulance, Fire, Police, Mobile Home/Campground, and Stone Hall rental reports were received and filed. There were 152 calls for Ambulance service. There were 23 fire runs/rescues and 124 Original Police reports. There are no mobile homes for sale. The stone hall was rented 12 times.

Mr. Fryer of 139 Forest Park Court inquired about his next step following the Dangerous Building hearing that was held on October 11, 2018. Now that Mr. Fryer has the deed properly recorded, his next step is to go the Houghton Lake Building Agency with proper building plans to secure a permit.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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

Carol A. Asher, Clerk

Bob Spaulding, Supervisor