

**Regular Meeting
Denton Township Board
October 3, 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 September 5, 2018 Regular Meeting and the September 27, 2018 Special Meeting were approved as distributed.

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to approve the bills for September 2018.

Proposal for Painting at Trestle Park.

Proposals for painting at Trestle Park were sought and only one proposal was received. The proposal was from Lakeside Painting in the amount of \$5,364.75.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to approve the proposal from Lakeside Painting of Roscommon MI, for painting at Trestle Park, at a cost not to exceed \$5,364.75. This includes power washing and re-staining all wood in Trestle Park as follows: sign, pavilion, bathroom building, entrance way, fence, deck rails and bulletin board. This also includes repainting the bathroom doors.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Cell Phone Policy.

At a July 31, 2018 meeting with the Township's Insurance Loss Control Consultant, Jerry Graczyk, he recommended that we produce a cell phone use policy.

Motion by Seaford supported by Asher to adopt the following Cell Phone Use Policy: Purpose: to define the restrictions on vehicle operators in the use of personal electronic devices (commonly known as cellular/smart phones) while operating Township vehicles. Scope: All vehicle operators. Policy: Under no circumstances are employees allowed to place themselves or others at risk to fulfill business needs. Employees whose job responsibilities include regular or occasional driving are expected to refrain from using their phone while driving, except in the case of an emergency and with the use of a hands-free device in accordance with applicable laws. Every effort should be made to pull to the side of the road to a safe location prior to answering or initiating phone calls. Employees who are charged with traffic violations resulting from the use of their cellphone while driving will be solely responsible for all liabilities that result from such action.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Streetlights.

Trustee Fuller inquired about maintaining streetlights. She suggested that we could discuss possibly painting them next year.

Hire Contingent Paramedic for Ambulance Department.

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to approve hiring Anthony Bair as a Contingent Paramedic for the Ambulance Department effective October 4, 2018.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Four (4) Properties to be added to the Winter Tax Bill re: Grass Ordinance Fines.

Four (4) properties need to be added to the winter tax bill due to non-payment of cutting fee and administration fee in accordance with the Denton Township Tall Grass and Weed Ordinance.

Motion by Asher supported by Spaulding to add the following four (4) properties to the 2018 winter tax bill: Parcel #72-003-321-843-0000 @ \$149.50, Parcel #72-003-580-041-0000 @ \$180.00, Parcel #72-003-772-080--0000 @ \$160.00, Parcel #72-003-780-009-0000 @ \$238.00.

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

Holiday Lights for Trestle Park Area.

Supervisor Spaulding advised that he did some research on purchasing decorative holiday lights for the Trestle Park area.

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to authorize an expenditure of up to \$1,800.00 for three (3) decorative holiday decorations with LED lights and any electrical service/outlets needed.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Correspondence.

None.

Ambulance, Fire, Police, Mobile Home/Campground and Hall Rental reports were received and filed. There were 200 ambulance calls in August. There were 28 fire/rescue calls and 164 Original Police reports for September. There are no mobile homes for sale this month and there were 9 stone hall rentals.

Paula Whittington, candidate for Houghton Lake School Board, introduced herself.

Pat Inman announced that the Christmas Tree Express was scheduled for Sunday, December 2, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32p.m.

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

Carol A. Asher, Clerk

Bob Spaulding, Supervisor