

**Regular Meeting
Denton Township Board
October 4, 2017**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Spaulding, Asher, Fuller and Pedersen.

Absent: Seaford.

The Treasurer's report was not received. Treasurer absent due to a family emergency.

Minutes of the September 6, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

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

Dangerous Building(s) Advised for Removal.

A list of four (4) properties that would qualify under the Dangerous Building Ordinance was reviewed.

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to submit the following four parcels to the Houghton Lake Building Agency and the Dangerous Building Hearing Officer for the issuance and service of a notice of a hearing on whether these buildings or structures are dangerous: Parcel #72-003-320-012-0000, Parcel #72-003-205-075-0000, Parcel #72-003-290-019-0000 and Parcel #72-003-352-021-0000.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 Motion Carried.

Proposal for Winter 2017 Tax Bills.

The Township was recently made aware of the decision that the County has opted to discontinue providing tax services and this change will be immediate. The cost to the 2018 inter-governmental billing will be reduced from \$1.85 per parcel to \$1.15 per parcel. In lieu of this change we received a proposal from KCI for tax bill services.

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to approve contracting with KCI of Grand Rapids MI for preparing the 2017 winter tax bills. This includes laser printing 1 sided, black ink on 20# colored perfed stock, folding, inserting into a #10 double window envelope, sealing, sorting and mailing first class presort at a cost not to exceed \$3,336.74.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 Motion Carried.

Amendment to the Tall Grass and Weed Ordinance.

Since enacting the Tall Grass and Weed Ordinance in October of 2016 it has come to the Board's attention that there is one error that needs to be corrected.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to amend Section 4 of Ordinance #10052016, the Denton Township Tall Grass and Weed Ordinance, by exempting any undeveloped lots which have no buildings erected.

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

Tru-Green Quotes for 2018 (Routine)

A quote for the 2018 Commercial Service Agreements from Tru-Green for the Township Hall, the Soccer Field, Trestle Park, the Ball Field and the EMS Station were reviewed. There is a 2.5% increase for 2018 and also new this year there is a 3% prepay reduction.

Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to approve the quotes from Tru-Green for 2018 applications for Township Hall, Soccer and Ball Fields, Trestle Park and EMS Station at a total cost of \$3,225.92, which includes the one-time payment plan.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 Motion Carried.

Additional Quotes from Tru-Green.

In addition to the routine quotes usually received from Tru-Green, Maintenance Foreman Jim Hoover and Brian Pitts, representative from Tru-Green, also discussed some other services that may benefit the Township.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Asher to approve the one specialized service from Tru-Green for controlling vines on the fence line at the Denton Township Cemetery, along Nestel and Owens Road at a cost not to exceed \$250.00.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 Motion Carried.

Tip-Up-Town Sponsorship Request from Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to approve \$500.00 for a Bluegill Sponsorship for Tip-Up-Town USA 2018.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 Motion Carried.

Five (5) Properties to be added to the Winter Tax Bill re: Grass Ordinance Fines.

Five (5) 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 Fuller supported by Asher to add the following five (5) properties to the 2017 winter tax bill: Parcel #72-003-500-001-0000 @ \$129.33, Parcel #72-003-580-041-0000 @ \$158.66, Parcel #72-003-335-077-0000 @ \$142.66, Parcel #72-003-520-043-0000 @ \$170.67 and Parcel #72-003-235-160-0000 @ 187.99.

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

Release of Restrictive Covenant.

Gregory Ward and Pamela Chenault are requesting a release of the Restrictive Covenant for their property in Lake James Woodland for Lots 17 and 18. They have purchased Lot 16, whereas a garage has erroneously been erected by the Ward/Chenault's. Need to file a new Restrictive Covenant for the joining of Lots 16, 17 and 18 of Lake James Woodland.

Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to approve the release of Restrictive Covenant requested by Gregory S. Ward and Pamela Chenault for Lots 17 and 18 of Lake James Woodland and file a new restrictive covenant joining Lots 16, 17 and 18 of Lake James Woodland. The Township will pay any recording fees associated with the filing.

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

Correspondence.

None.

Ambulance, Fire, Police, Mobile Home/Campground and Hall Rental reports were received and filed. There were 203 ambulance calls in September, 21 fire/rescue calls and 189 Original Police reports. There are two (2) mobile homes for sale and there were 11 hall rentals.

Clerk Asher announced that the Township received a check in the amount of \$23,569.00 from Dr. David Hock. This was money that was earmarked for the new pickle ball courts from a retired organization known as the Houghton Lake Development Corporation from 1980. Thank you very much.

Supervisor Spaulding advised that the trees and bushes at Trestle Park were recently trimmed with help from Mrs. Jean Schneider and friends. Many thanks for the service and job well done. Also the new signs for the Trestle Park kiosk have been ordered and should be here soon. Mr. Jim Sullivan may have the old signs. The dock is scheduled for removal any time after October 7, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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

Carol A. Asher, Clerk

Bob Spaulding, Supervisor