

**Regular Meeting
Denton Township Board
September 5, 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 August 1, 2018 Regular Meeting and the August 8, 2018 and August 15, 2018 Special Meetings were approved as distributed.

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

Tax Abatement Ordinance for Maple Grove Apartments. (PILOT)

The completed Ordinance, prepared by the Township Attorney, for the tax abatement for Maple Grove Apartments was reviewed. Heather Arnold from Deshano Development Corporation was present to answer any question from concerned residents of Maple Grove Apartments. After some discussion:

Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to adopt the Amendment to the Denton Township Tax Elimination Ordinance, Chapter 280, and grant Maple Grove Apartments, now known as Prudenville Apartments Limited Dividend Housing Association, LP, an exemption from ad valorem property taxes in exchange for payments in lieu of taxes, as provided in the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, and to amend Chapter 280 of the Township's Code of Ordinance to more clearly identify the properties eligible for payments in lieu of taxes.

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

Bids for Well at Mobile Home Park.

One sealed bid for the installation of a new well at the Mobile Home Park was received from Roy Simmons & Son Well Drilling from West Branch, MI. After some discussion:

Motion by Pedersen supported by Asher to approve the estimate from Roy Simmons & Son Well Drilling for a new well at the Denton Township Mobile Home Park in the amount of \$39,609.60. Complete estimate on file at Denton Township Office.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Solid Waste/Trash Collection.

The pros and cons of whether to increase the annual trash collection were discussed.

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to increase Solid Waste/Trash Collection special assessment by 10% as allowed by law. The annual amount will increase from \$124.23 to \$136.65 and will be placed on the winter tax bill. There has not been an increase since 2014.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

Ottawa Lane Request/Possible Special Assessment.

Supervisor Spaulding and Clerk Asher attended the Ottawa Lane Associations Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 25, 2018, along with Tim O'Rourke of the Roscommon County Road Commission (RCRC) to discuss a possible Special Assessment District. (SAD). After said meeting Ottawa Lane Association President Jim Herrick submitted a request that the Denton Township Board work with the RCRC to secure engineering services for estimates to replace or repair Ottawa Lane.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Spaulding to approve the request of the Ottawa Lane Association and request estimate for engineering services for repair or replacement of Ottawa Lane from RCRC.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Ad in the Roscommon County Travel Guide.

A new 2019 Roscommon County Travel Guide is being produced by VIP Marketing & Publishing. They have inquired whether Denton Township would like to place an ad in the guide.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Seaford to approve placing one 2.688 X 5.625 ad in the 2019 Roscommon County Travel Guide at a cost not to exceed 142.50.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

Winter Tax Levy for 2018 Millage.

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to approve the 2018 winter tax roll as follows:

Fixed Township (operating)	1.1234
Fire (operating)	1.0000
Police (operating)	1.0000
Roads (operating)	0.5000
Ambulance (operating)	1.0000
Ambulance (operating)	0.5000
Streetlights (operating)	0.3333
Parks & Rec (operating)	0.3333

Total millage is 5.79.

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

Amendment to the Denton Township Sewer Ordinance.

An Amendment to the Denton Township Sewer Ordinance was presented for review. This amendment is necessary so as to make violation thereof a municipal civil infraction, to specify fines and penalties for the violation thereof; to appoint the Houghton Lake Sewer Authority Superintendent and staff as Ordinance Enforcement Officers for the Township for the purposes of enforcing the Township sewer ordinance; to provide for an effective date; and to repeal all conflicting ordinance provisions.

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(con't.)

Motion by Fuller supported by Spaulding to adopt the amendment to Section 12 of the Denton Township Sewer Ordinance. The ordinance shall be effective 30 days after publication of a summary hereof, after adoption. Conflicting Ordinances and Ordinance provisions are hereby repealed. A synopsis will be published in the Houghton Lake Resorter.

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

Grinding Services for the Compost Site.

A quote from Environmental Wood Solutions II, LLC for providing grinding services at the Denton Township Compost Site was reviewed.

Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to approve up to four (4) days, at a cost not to exceed \$38,000.00, for Environmental Wood Solutions II, LLC to provide grinding of yard waste and wood.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

MTA on the Road Regional Meetings.

The MTA on the Road Regional meetings are being held the month of October at various locations.

Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to approve attendance to the MTA on the Road Regional meeting, for any board member who wishes to attend. Please let the Clerk know by September 13, 2018.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

M-55 Traffic Light Request.

Supervisor Spaulding advised that he received two (2) letters requesting a traffic light on M-55. This is not the Township’s jurisdiction so the Supervisor will send letters to the two (2) people who requested the traffic control lights and supply the MDOT Transportation Service Center address to them.

Correspondence.

Thank you from Roscommon County Road Commission re: Old fire truck now in use.

Fire, Police, Mobile Home/Campground and Hall Rental reports received and filed. There were 44 fires/rescues and 199 original police reports. There is one mobile home for sale and there were 10 hall rentals.

Supervisor Spaulding announced that the Roscommon Township Association (RTA) meeting is going to be held at the Denton Township Stone Hall on Thursday, September 20, 2018. Also progress is being made on 207 James Road issue, per the attorney.

The Nuisance Ordinance needs to be updated. Supervisor would like to have authority to send to the Attorney for review and updating.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Asher to authorize the Supervisor to contact the Attorney and have the Nuisance Ordinance amended.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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

Carol A. Asher, Clerk

Bob Spaulding, Supervisor