

**Public Hearing &  
Regular Meeting  
Denton Township Board  
March 1, 2017**

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 February 1, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.  
Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to approve the bills for February 2017.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2017-2018 BUDGET.**

Supervisor Spaulding opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. and gave an update on the proposed General Fund budget and the Special Fund budget. The total ad valorem millage to be levied in 2017-2018 is as follows:

Fixed Township millage	1.1234	Allocated
Fire Operating	1.0000	Voted-Expires December 2021
Police Operating	1.0000	Voted-Expires December 2017
Roads Operating	.5000	Voted-Expires December 2019
Ambulance Operating	1.5000	Voted-Expires December 2017 and December 2021
Streetlights	.3333	Voted-Expires December 2019
Parks and Recreation	.3333	Voted-Expires December 2021
<b>TOTAL LEVY</b>	<b>5.79</b>	

The tax revenue is based on a taxable value of \$256,031,382.00. The budget will be an "Activity Fund" budget. The proposed General Fund budget is \$1,059,041.00 and the Special Fund budgets total \$2,073,582.00. Trash/Compost Fund assessment is \$124.23 per parcel with a proposed budget of \$557,000. Mobile Home Fund budget is \$148,360.00. Supervisor Spaulding asked if there were any questions or comments on the 2017-2018 budget. Hearing none, the Public Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.  
The Regular Board meeting commenced.

**2017-2018 Budget.**

Motion by Pedersen supported by Seaford to adopt the 2017-2018 budget as an "Activity Fund Budget" with revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$3,837,983.00.

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

**2017-2018 Board Meeting Dates.**

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to adopt the 2017-2018 Regular Board meeting dates. All 12 meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. A complete list of meeting dates will be published in the Houghton Lake Resorter.

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

**Approval for Assessor to Attend the BOR (Board of Review) Organizational Meetings.**

At a recent MTA training seminar attended by the Assessor it was noted that in order for the Assessor to attend the BOR (Board of Review) organizational meetings, approval is needed from the local unit.

Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to authorize the Assessor to attend Board of Review Organizational meetings, as needed.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Financial Depositories for Denton Township.**

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to approve the following financial institutions as legal depositories for the Township of Denton: Chase Bank, Chemical Bank West, North Central Area Credit Union, and Michigan Class/MBIA Asset Management. The Township Clerk and the Township Treasurer are the legal signatures on all accounts.

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

**Approval of South Houghton Lake Area 2017 Joint Master Plan.**

After several meetings of the Joint Planning Commission with Roscommon Township, and after having the final public hearing on February 21, 2017, the completed "South Houghton Lake Area 2017 Joint Master Plan" is ready for adoption.

Motion by Fuller supported by Seaford to approve and adopt the revised "South Houghton Lake Area 2017 Joint Master Plan" effective immediately.

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

**Penny Turk v Art Jensen and Denton Township.**

Motion by Fuller supported by Spaulding to table the decision on the Penny S. Turk v Art Jensen and Denton Township until further information from the Township Attorney is received.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Roscommon County Equalization "Cost of Services Option".**

A letter from Jamie Houserman, Roscommon County Equalization Director, explaining the four (4) options for providing quality service to the Township from Roscommon County Equalization was reviewed.

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to contract for service with the Roscommon County Equalization Department and choose Option 1-Full Service for the assessment roll and tax roll maintenance at \$1.85 per parcel for a total cost of approximately \$12,794.60.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Purchase of Scott Air Cylinders for SCBA (10 units).**

A quote from Argus-Hazco for 10 Scott 4500PSI, 45-MIN Carbon Cylinder and Valve Assy SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) units was reviewed.

Motion by Fuller supported by Seaford to approve the purchase of 10 Scott SCBA units at a cost not to exceed \$9,700.00.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Cable Franchise Fee Transfer to Fire Department Fund.**

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to approve the transfer of \$10,500.00 (\$500.00 X 21) from the cable franchise fee line item in the General Fund to the Fire Department Fund.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Trestle Park-Approval for Events.**

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to approve the following events that are scheduled for Trestle Park: 2017 Thursday concerts on June 15, 2017, July 20, 2017 and August 17, 2017; Drummunity on July 27, 2017 and Holiday Tree Lighting on December 3, 2017. Any other events to be announced will be presented to the Board. A Friends of Trestle Park Use Form that was newly created was presented to them for record keeping.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Denton Township Park Advisory Board.**

Motion by Spaulding supported by Asher to rescind the Denton Township Park Advisory Board effective immediately. The Board thanked them for their service to the Township and presented Certificates of Appreciation to those present.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Supervisor Spaulding gave an update on the Trailhead and Pickle Ball projects.

**Resolution Correcting Zoning Ordinance.**

An error that occurred back in June 2010 was recently discovered. In order to remedy the situation our Attorney has advised that we need to pass a resolution to correct the error and publish a correction notice.

Motion by Fuller supported by Seaford to adopt the resolution to correct the errors in the June 10, 2010 notice of the Houghton Lake Resorter and publish a correction notice in the March 9, 2017 issue.

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

A complete copy of the Resolution is on file at the Township Office.

**Quote for Repair from Speedwrench, Inc. for Baler at Compost Site.**

A quote for repair to the baler at the Compost Site from Speedwrench, Inc. was reviewed.

Motion by Asher supported by Spaulding to authorize the repair of the baler from Speedwrench, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$984.93. This includes all labor, parts, freight and shop supplies.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Correspondence.**

Customer Appreciation Week at Ellens Equipment. March 13-18, 2017.

Ambulance (January report), Fire, Police, Mobile Home Park/Campground and Stone Hall Rental reports were received and filed. There were 191 ambulance runs, 19 fire calls and 119 original police reports. There are no mobile homes for sale and the Stone Hall was rented 11 times.

Supervisor Spaulding advised that he recently bought a time capsule that is going to be placed in the Township Hall in the new construction area. A plaque will be mounted with information regarding the time capsule.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 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