

**Public Hearing &
Regular Meeting
Denton Township Board
March 4, 2020**

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 5, 2020 Regular Meeting and the February 12, 2020 Special Meeting were approved as distributed.
Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to approve the bills for February 2020.

Supervisor opened the first public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2020-2021 BUDGET.

Supervisor Spaulding opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 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 2020-2021 is as follows:

Fixed Township millage	1.1223	Allocated
Fire Operating	.9991	Voted-Expires December 2021
Police Operating	.9991	Voted-Expires December 2025
Roads Operating	.4995	Voted-Expires December 2019
Ambulance Operating	1.4986	Voted-Expires December 2021 and December 2025
Streetlights	.3330	Voted-Expires December 2019
Parks and Recreation	.3330	Voted-Expires December 2021
TOTAL LEVY	5.7846	

The tax revenue is based on a taxable value of \$280,000,000.00. The 2020-2021 budget will be an "Activity Fund" budget. The proposed General Fund budget is \$1,042,394.00 and the Special Fund budgets total \$2,539,931.00. The Trash/Compost Fund assessment is \$136.65 per parcel with a proposed budget of \$631,000.00. Mobile Home Fund budget is \$163,481.00. Supervisor Spaulding asked if there were any questions or comments on the 2020-2021 budget. Hearing none, the Public Hearing closed at 7:06 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Supervisor Spaulding opened the second Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. He stated that the Denton Township Zoning Ordinance Amendments have now been completed. The final Public Hearing with the Denton Township Planning Commission was held on February 11, 2020 and the Planning Commission recommended the proposed amended Zoning Ordinance be adopted by the Township Board. He gave a brief overview of the changes which include defining and regulating special accessory uses and columbariums, regulating commercial marijuana land uses, modifying fencing requirements, several changes to the General Sign Regulations, adjusting camping regulations and amending regulations for porches and gazebos in order to maintain the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Denton Township. Supervisor Spaulding asked if there were any questions or comments on the Zoning Ordinance Amendments. Hearing none, the Public Hearing closed at 7:12 p.m. A synopsis of the changes will be published in the Houghton Lake Resorter.

The Regular Board meeting commenced.

2020-2021 Budget.

Motion by Fuller supported by Spaulding to adopt the 2020-2021 budget as an "Activity Fund Budget" with revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,376,806.00

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

Denton Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

Motion by Spaulding supported by Asher to adopt the proposed Denton Township Zoning Amendments which will become effective seven (7) days after publication.

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

2020-2021 Board Meeting Dates.

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to adopt the 2020-2021 Regular Board meeting dates. All twelve 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 and posted at the Township Office.

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

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

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

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Financial Depositories for Denton Township.

Motion by Asher supported by Seaford to approve the following financial institutions as legal depositories for the Township of Denton: Chase Bank, Chemical Bank, 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.

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

Approval of Purchase for Fire Department-Portable, Mobiles and Phones.

After a review of the invoice from Grand Traverse Mobile Communications:

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to approve the purchase of new portables, mobiles and pagers for the Denton Township Fire Department from Grand Traverse Mobile Communications in the amount of \$40,481.10. The USDA has awarded a grant in the amount of \$22,100.00 towards this purchase.

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

Expenditure Approval for HLBA/Ordinance Enforcement.

After a short discussion to request an expenditure not to exceed \$630.00, to update the MCI (Municipal Civil Infraction) Ordinance and joint agreements with the HLBA (Houghton Lake Building Agency):

Motion by Fuller supported by Spaulding to approve the request not to exceed \$630.00 to move forward with updating the MCI and agreements with the HLBA.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Parking Lot Improvements for Denton Township Office. (Rear parking)

Spicer Group, Engineers, Surveyors, Planners and Architects, provided the proposal for the design and construction administration phases for the rear parking lot project at the Denton Township Office.

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract to begin the design and engineering phase from Spicer Group, in the amount of \$14,000.00.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Correspondence.

Annual Spring Township Meeting at the Roscommon County Road Commission scheduled for April 22, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Updated Household Hazardous Waste Collection Flyer. Now accepting ink jet cartridges.

Supervisor Spaulding advised that he and Mark Milburn were going to meet to discuss the Military Banner project.

Fire, Police and Mobile Home Park/Campground reports were received and filed. There were 20 fire calls and 108 original police reports for February. There are no mobile homes for sale.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

Carol A. Asher, Clerk

Bob Spaulding, Supervisor