

**Public Hearing &  
Regular Meeting  
Denton Township Board  
March 6, 2019**

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 6, 2019 Regular Meeting and the February 8, 2019 Special Meeting were approved as distributed.

Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to approve the bills for February 2019.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 is as follows:

Fixed Township millage	1.1234	Allocated
Fire Operating	1.0000	Voted-Expires December 2021
Police Operating	1.0000	Voted-Expires December 2025
Roads Operating	.5000	Voted-Expires December 2019
Ambulance Operating	1.5000	Voted-Expires December 2021 and December 2025
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 \$275,000,000.00. The budget will be an "Activity Fund" budget. The proposed General Fund budget is \$974,700.00 and the Special Fund budgets total \$2,251,762.00.

Trash/Compost Fund assessment is \$136.65 per parcel with a proposed budget of \$627,780.00. Mobile Home Fund budget is \$112,800.00. Supervisor Spaulding asked if there were any questions or comments on the 2019-2020 budget. Hearing none the Public Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

The Regular Board meeting commenced.

**2019-2020 Budget.**

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to adopt the 2019-2020 budget as an "Activity Fund Budget" with revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$3,967,042.00.

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

**2019-2020 Board Meeting Dates.**

Motion by Fuller supported by Seaford to adopt the 2019-2020 Regular Board meeting dates. Nine (9) meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and three (3) will be held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Those months are April and July of 2019 and January of 2020. 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 Spaulding supported by Fuller 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 Fuller supported by Asher 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.

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

**Dangerous Building at 139 Forest Park Court.**

Supervisor Spaulding advised that it is time to make a decision on what to do about the dangerous building at 139 Forest Park Court. The Dangerous Building Officer ordered the property to be razed at a meeting held on October 11, 2018.

Motion by Spaulding supported by Pedersen to authorize the Township Supervisor to advertise for bids for a contractor to effectuate the demolition of 139 Forest Park Court and remove all such debris/construction materials/demolition remnants from structure and out-of-door storage on the subject property. Parcel #72-003-290-019-0000. All personal items should be removed from the structure and the out-of-door storage on the property addressed as 139 Forest Park Court by May 8, 2019.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Approval of Independent Contractor Michael Houserman for Assessing Department.**

Motion by Asher supported by Seaford to approve the contract for Michael Houserman, now known as MAPS, LLC., to perform field appraisal services for real property located within the Township of Denton, at a cost not to exceed \$10,800.00. Field work will commence on June 1, 2019 and end on August 31, 2019.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Estimate on Floor Refinishing for Township Meeting Hall.**

The Maintenance Foreman Jim Hoover was successful in finding one estimate to refinish the floor in the Township Hall meeting room.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to approve the estimate to have the Township Hall meeting room floor refinished. This includes 2,400 square feet of striping and sealing with two (2) coats of finish at a price not to exceed \$1,536.00. Job must be completed by June 1, 2019.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Salt Spreader Purchase for Maintenance Department.**

A quote from Korbinksi’s Marine & Watersports for a Boss salt spreader was reviewed.

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to approve the purchase from Korbinksi’s Marine and Watersports for one Boss salt spreader, installed, at a price not to exceed \$1,809.19.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Dangerous Buildings Advised for Removal.**

Motion by Fuller supported by Spaulding to submit the following two (2) parcels to the Houghton Lake Building Agency and the Dangerous Building Officer for the issuance and service of a notice of a hearing on whether these buildings or structures are deemed dangerous: Parcel #72-003-277-014-0000 and Parcel #72-003-015-016-0181.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Survey for corner of M-55 and M-18 (Old Surplus Store).**

Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to hire North Central Survey for a survey of the property formerly known as the Surplus Store and adjacent buildings, on the corner of M-55 and M-18 that was recently purchased by the Township. Parcel #72-003-015-013-0020, #72-003-015-013-0040 and #72-003-015-013-0060.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Ambulance, Fire, Police, Mobile Home Park/Campground and Stone Hall Rental reports were received and filed. There were 145 ambulance runs (month of January), 23 fire calls and 128 original police reports. There are no mobile homes for sale and the Stone Hall was rented 9 times.

The Supervisor announced that the students at the Houghton Lake High School will be adding some artwork to the wall in the Township lobby. Also the trailhead on Owens Road is now open and has been getting a lot of use.

Clerk Asher advised that the United States Census 2020 will be commencing very soon and your response is very important. Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone. The U.S. Constitution mandates that a census of the population be conducted once every 10 years for the purpose of reapportioning Congress. Census data is also used to determine how more than \$675 billion in federal funds are distributed back to states and local communities every year for services and infrastructure, including health care, jobs, schools, road and businesses.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 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