

**Public Hearing &
Regular Meeting
Denton Township Board
March 8, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Present: Spaulding, Asher, Seaford, Fuller and Pedersen.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 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
TOTAL LEVY	5.79	

The tax revenue is based on a taxable value of \$267,366,661.00. The budget will be an “Activity Fund” budget. The proposed General Fund budget is \$936,150.00 and the Special Fund budgets total \$2,346,206.00. Trash/Compost Fund assessment is \$124.23 per parcel with a proposed budget of \$564,800.00. Mobile Home Fund budget is \$139,210.00. Supervisor Spaulding asked if there were any questions or comments on the 2018-2019 budget. After answering two questions regarding millage and special funds, the Public Hearing closed at 7:08 p.m. The Regular Board meeting commenced.

The Treasurer’s report was received.
Minutes of the February 7, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.
Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to approve the bills for February 2018.

2018-2019 Budget.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Seaford to adopt the 2018-2019 budget as an “Activity Fund Budget” with revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$3,986,366.00.

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

2018-2019 Board Meeting Dates.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to adopt the 2018-2019-8 Regular Board meeting dates. All 12 meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of July, 2018, when the meeting will be held on the second Wednesday, July 11, 2018. 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 Asher 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 Spaulding 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.

Compost Site Changes.

A comprehensive list of changes for the Tree Service Contractors and Commercial Accounts were reviewed. Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to approve the changes as follows effective April 1, 2018 for all commercial accounts/contractors: \$500.00 fee per quarter effective April 1, 2018 for the tree contractors only, no limbs over six (6) inches in diameter put in the brush pile, any limbs over six (6) inches in diameter must be cut into 18 to 20 inch lengths and NO stumps allowed. Also, regular commercial account that are township residents will stay at the \$150.00 per year fee, but the regular commercial accounts that are non-residents will be increased to \$300.00 per year. Current liability insurance will still be required by all contractors.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3201 Memorial Day Parade Permit.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Seaford to approve the parade permit for the annual Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Monday, May 28, 2018 requested by the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie #3201. The parade will start at Family Fare parking lot on M-55, traveling West on M-55 to Crestview Drive, and ending at the Eagles Club, in Roscommon Township.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Denton Township RV Campground Changes.

Due to some campers not following the campground rules, the following changes will need to be made and the new rules and policy will be mailed promptly.

Motion by Asher supported by Seaford to approve the following changes to the RV Park Campground rules: Change Item #9 re: “carpets and mats” and under Rates, rent must be paid within 90 days and the Denton Township Park Campground Eviction Policy and Process must be signed.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Fuller supported by Seaford to approve the Denton Township Park Campground Eviction Policy and Process.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Grant Approval for Phase 1, 2 and BEA/ Surplus Store.

The Supervisor and Clerk had a phone conference with Julie Lowe, the Brownfield Redevelopment Coordinator with the DEQ on Thursday, March 1, 2018 regarding a project proposal for site assessment for the old Surplus Store located at the corner of M-55 and M-18. Lowe advised that the first step to move forward with this would be to get approval from the Board and a signed Access Agreement from the property owner. Once we have that we can get all the necessary paperwork completed for the Phase 1, Phase 2, and the BEA (Baseline Environmental Assessment). She also stressed that this should be acted on as soon as possible as grant dollars are used very quickly.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to move forward with the Phase 1, Phase 2, and Baseline Environmental Assessment (BEA) with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for properties located at 777 West Houghton Lake Drive, 793 West Houghton Lake Drive and 803 West Houghton Lake Drive, Prudenville MI 48651, contingent upon a signed Access Agreement from the property owner. Seaford – aye, Asher – aye, Fuller – aye, Pedersen – aye, Spaulding –aye, Motion Carried.

Correspondence.

Resolution from the Roscommon County Commissioners re: Outlot A, Idlewild Resort. The County is transferring public trust in a section of Outlot A, Idlewild Resort to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation. The property will be used as a kayak park on Houghton Lake Blue Water Trail.
Request from Bob Remer to lower speed limit from 45 to 35 on East Houghton Lake Drive (County Road 100) from M-18 to Roscommon County Airport. The Township will work in conjunction with the Roscommon County Road Commission on this request.

Ambulance, Fire, Police, Mobile Home Park/Campground and Stone Hall Rental reports were received and filed. There were 123 ambulance runs, 5 fire calls and 101 original police reports. There are three (3) mobile homes for sale and the Stone Hall was rented 10 times.

Mark Milburn advised that he is working on changing the name of a portion of the road in Denton Township and Roscommon Township to Camp Nokomis Road. He has talked with the County Equalization Department to begin the process and he would appreciate the Townships support.

Trestle Park-Approval for Events.

Mary Michela presented the Trestle Park “2018 Music & Events Schedule”.
Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to approve the list of events as presented. The list includes the Third Thursday concerts, Second Saturday Open Mic, dates to be determined for Stone Turtle Yoga and Library Magician. Trestle Park Express will be held on December 2, 2018. New is a bonus concert on July 5, 2018.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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

Carol A. Asher, Clerk

Bob Spaulding, Supervisor