

**Regular Meeting &  
Public Hearing  
Denton Township Board  
August 7, 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 July 10, 2019 Regular Meeting and the July 17, 2019 Special Meeting were approved as corrected. The date on the Special Meeting minutes stated August 12, 2019 and should be July 12, 2019 with regards to the RV Park Issue.

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to approve the bills for July 2019.

Supervisor Spaulding opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m. He advised that the Fire Chief has applied for a grant from the USDA for new radio equipment for the Fire Department and then introduced Fire Chief Paul Tiepel. Fire Chief Tiepel explained that the current radio equipment needs to be updated to 800 MHz. The total price of the new radio equipment is approximately \$43,000.00 and if the grant of \$24,800.00 from the USDA is awarded the Township would pay \$18,200.00. All paperwork has been submitted. Hearing no public comment, the Public Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

**Approve "Resolution of Concurrence by Municipality to Join the County of Roscommon" for a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.**

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioners is continuing to move forward with the process of creating a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. They are requesting support of the Township if the Township Board feels it is in the best interest of the Local Unit. Supervisor Spaulding introduced Equalization Director, Jamie Houserman who played a short video of how this can impact a community and answered any questions about TIF (tax increment financing). After some discussion:

Motion by Spaulding supported by Pedersen to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "Act"), authorizes the County of Roscommon (the "County") to establish a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to establish and provide for the operation of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority ("Authority") pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, subject to changes that may hereafter be made pursuant to the Act, the Authority may exercise its power over property located within the boundaries of the County, provided that the Authority does not exercise its power over property located within a city, village or township located in the County unless such city, village or township has adopted a resolution concurring with the inclusion of such property; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has determined that it is in the best interest of the Local Unit to join the Authority, so it permits property located within its municipal boundaries to be included in the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority of the County of Roscommon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Local Unit hereby agrees to opt into the Authority so that all property located within its municipal boundaries shall be included under the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority of the County of Roscommon.
2. The Denton Township Clerk shall promptly file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Roscommon County Clerk.
3. All resolution and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby rescinded.

UPON A VOTE FOR THE ADOPTION OF SAID RESOLUTION, THE VOTE WAS:

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

**Medical Marijuana Facilities in Denton Township.**

The Township Board needs to move forward with deciding on whether to allow or not allow commercial medical marijuana facilities in the Township. The Township Board has opted out of any recreational facilities. After speaking with the Township Attorney he advised the Board to make the following motion:

Motion by Spaulding supported by Asher to have the Township explore implementing the necessary ordinances to allow commercial medical marijuana facilities through a working group consisting of the Township Zoning Administrator, Township Trustee Fuller, Township Trustee Pedersen, with consultation of the Township Attorney.

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

**Request for a "Dead-End" sign at Turkey Drive and M-55.**

A letter from Linda Randall of Turkey Drive was read requesting a "Dead-End" sign at the intersection of M-55 and Turkey Drive.

Motion by Spaulding supported by Asher to deny the request of Linda Randall for a "Dead-End" sign because this is a private road. She may contact the Roscommon County Road Commission to have sign installed at occupants of Turkey Drive's expense.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Letter regarding ATV/OVR traffic on West Nestel Road.**

A letter from Amy Langlois of West Nestel Road was presented. Due to the ATV/ORV traffic they are experiencing this summer, they are requesting two (2) types of signs on this stretch of road, one indicating that this is not an ORV trail and one reminding riders of the 25 miles per hour speed limit. After some discussion: Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to order two (2) signs for the entrance and exit of trailhead that state "You are now Entering a Residential Area-Speed Limit 25-Enforced".

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

**Amend and Adopt Nuisance Ordinance.**

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to Amend the Denton Township Nuisance Ordinance to promote the health, safety, and welfare, by providing for the regulation, prevention, reduction or elimination of the blight or potential blight in the Township, defining and prohibiting blight; declaring certain acts, apparatus, accumulations, violations and activities as public nuisance per se; providing the procedure for abatement of public nuisances, enforcement of this ordinance, and recovery of costs incurred by Denton Township; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance.

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

**Letter Requesting “Short-Term Rental Ordinance” for Denton Township.**

A letter from Jeff Stabnau of Old Trail Drive was presented. Mr. Stabnau is requesting that the Township consider and establish standards for “weekly” rental homes. This is not the first complaint that the Township has received and after some discussion it was decided that working on a Short Term Rental Ordinance will commence.

**Hire Joshua Damsen for Compost Site.**

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to hire Joshua Damsen for the Denton Township Compost Site effective August 12, 2019. This will be a contingent position starting at \$11.00 per hour, with a review after 90 days.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Request to have Pine Cone Court Paved.**

A letter from Larry Furtaw of Pine Cone Court was read. Mr. Furtaw is requesting that his road be paved like it was when he got it in 1999.

Motion by Spaulding supported by Pedersen to deny the request of Mr. Furtaw to have Pine Cone Court paved.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Light Post Banners.**

Motion by Pedersen supported by Seaford to order 37 light post banners and poles from Xpress Copy. 17 banners and poles costing \$1173.00 will be paid for by Friends of Trestle Park and 20 banners and poles costing \$1,380.00 will be paid for by Denton Township.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Correspondence.**

The Township received a \$5,000.00 grant from The Walmart Community Grants Team and Facility #2014.

The grant money will be used to purchase a 2 Bay ADA Combo Swing Frame w/Adult Wheelchair Platform and ADA Seat and sidewalk improvements for easy accessibility. Thank you Walmart Community.

Roscommon County Recycling Committee seeking interested people to serve on the Committee. If interested please contact Barb Stauffer at 989-275-3163.

Ambulance, Fire, Police, Mobile Home/Campground and Stone Hall reports received and filed. There were 223 Ambulance runs, 19 Fire calls and 247 Original Police reports. There are no mobile homes for sale and there were 15 hall rentals.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 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