

**Special Board Meeting
Denton Township Board
January 11, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 9:19 a.m.

Board Members Present: Spaulding, Asher, Seaford, Fuller and Pedersen.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold the first budget workshop.

Wages.

A review of the current salaries and hourly wages for elected officials, office personnel, maintenance department, compost site workers, trailer park manager, police department and ambulance department were reviewed. After some discussion:

Motion by Pedersen supported by Seaford to authorize a 2% increase in wages for office personnel, maintenance and compost workers, trailer park manager, police and ambulance workers; all of the non-elected officials, for the 2017-2018 budget year.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to give an additional \$1.00 per hour to the compost site attendants effective April 1, 2017.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Asher supported by Spaulding to increase the two (2) Trustee's salary to \$4,702.00 (2%) for budget year 2017-2018.

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

Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to increase the Treasurer's salary to \$40,284.00 (2%) for budget year 2017-2018.

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

Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to increase the Clerk's salary to \$40,284.00 (2%) for budget year 2017-2018.

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

Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to increase the Supervisor's salary to \$43,838.00 (2%) for budget year 2017-2018.

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

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to raise the seasonal rate for workers from \$8.93 per hour to \$9.50 per hour effective April 1, 2017.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Cemetery.

The cemetery lot fees and the open/close fees were discussed. No action taken.

Police Department.

The Police Chief Dallas McGeary entered meeting at 10:00 a.m. The police fund (#207) was reviewed on a line by line basis.

Tru-Green Contracts for 2017.

John Fox from Tru-Green submitted cost estimates for lawn service for the Township Hall, Trestle Park and the Softball and Soccer fields.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to renew the contracts with Tru-Green for lawn services for 2017, as submitted, with the exception of Fall Aeration and Seeding at Trestle Park, at an amount not to exceed \$3,049.50.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Fire Department.

The Fire Chief Paul Tiepel entered meeting at 10:30 a.m. The fire fund (#206) was reviewed on a line by line basis.

Maintenance Department.

Maintenance Foreman Jim Hoover entered meeting at 11:00 a.m. Several items at the Compost Site, the Cemetery and the Maintenance Department were discussed. Also, the playground equipment donated by Tim Bartholomew was discussed and the Board would like to see this be a priority this year.

Assessing Contract.

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to contract for assessing services with Michael Houserman at a cost of \$18.00 per parcel X 1,200 parcels for a cost not to exceed \$21,600.00. Mr. Houserman will modify the contract from last year for signing.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Computer purchases, Township and Stone Hall improvements, Zoning Ordinance re-writing, Trestle Park painting and new well at Mobile Home Park were touched on to be included in the 2017-2018 budget.

Clerk Asher advised that she received a notice from County Clerk Stevenson regarding a May Recall Election for the Houghton Lake School district in May, 2017.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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

Carol A. Asher, Clerk

Bob Spaulding, Supervisor