

**Special Board Meeting  
Denton Township Board  
January 24, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

**Salaries and Wages.**

All of the General Fund, Mobile Home Park and Compost Site wages were discussed.

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to increase the Deputy Treasurer hourly wage to \$13.00 per hour for fiscal year 2019-2020, effective April 1, 2019.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Asher to increase Deputy Clerk hourly wage to \$17.50 per hour for fiscal year 2019-2020, effective April 1, 2019.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

Motion by Fuller supported by Spaulding to increase contingent office assistant wage to \$11.38 per hour for fiscal year 2019-2020, effective April 1, 2019.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to increase tenured maintenance wage to \$17.50 for fiscal year 2019-2020, effective April 1, 2019.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

Motion by Asher supported by Spaulding to increase part time maintenance wage to \$11.59 per hour for fiscal year 2019-2020, effective April 1, 2019.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to increase newly hired full time maintenance wage to \$12.50 per hour for fiscal year 2019-2020, effective April 1, 2019.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

Motion by Asher supported by Fuller to increase full time compost site workers hourly wage by one dollar per hour for fiscal year 2019-2020, effective April 1, 2019. (Two different rates)

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to increase the Mobile Home Park manager wage to \$19,000.00 annually for fiscal year 2019-2020, effective April 1, 2019.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to increase seasonal park/beach help wage to \$10.50 per hour for fiscal year 2019-2020, effective April 1, 2019.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

Motion by Fuller supported by Asher to increase the Zoning Administrator/Assistant Assessor wage to \$42,000.00 annually and the position will become a salaried position for fiscal year 2019-2020, effective April 1, 2019.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to increase the Assessor salary to \$58,000.00 for fiscal year 2019-2020, effective April 1, 2019.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 Motion Carried.

Motion by Asher supported by Pedersen to increase the Treasurer's salary to \$42,000.00 for fiscal year 2019-2020, effective April 1, 2019.

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

Motion by Fuller supported by Pedersen to increase the Clerk's salary to \$42,000.00 for fiscal year 2019-2020, effective April 1, 2019.

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

Motion by Asher supported by Spaulding to increase the Township Board Trustees salary to \$4,900.00 for fiscal year 2019-2020, effective April 1, 2019.

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

Lunch break from noon until 1:00 p.m. and then meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m. Insurance Agent Jack Schmitz and Ambulance Chief Rick Dupon entered meeting.

**Health Insurance.**

Insurance Agent Jack Schmitz from Burnham & Flower Insurance Group presented the Employee Benefits proposal effective April 1, 2019. A review of the current plan and four (4) alternative plans were reviewed. Several scenarios were discussed with different RX drug costs, out-of-pocket maximums and medical copays. After a very lengthy discussion:

Motion by Spaulding supported by Pedersen to change the healthcare benefit plan to Simply Blue HRA Platinum 5000, with no change to the \$940.00 monthly allowance contributed to each full time employee toward health care premiums.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to opt out of the "Publicly Funded Health Insurance Act" (Public Act 152) for the fiscal year 2019-2020, allowing the employer to determine the amount it will contribute to the medical and prescription drug benefit.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Ambulance Budget.**

Ambulance Chief Rick Dupon presented Ambulance budget. No significant changes for 2019-2020.

**First Impressions (FIT).**

A brochure from County Controller Jodi Valentino from Michigan State University Extension was reviewed. This is a community assessment program that the County asked the Township if they were interested in pursuing. The cost is \$6,000.00, with \$3,000.00 from the County and \$1,500.00 each from Denton and Roscommon Township. After discussion:

Motion by Spaulding supported by Pedersen to reject the offer from Roscommon County Controller Jodi Valentino to partner in the FIT assessment.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Roads.**

At 2:00 p.m. Roger Saxton, Justin Akin and Tim O'Rourke entered meeting. The Ottawa Lane Special Assessment project, the Township Hall parking lot repair estimate and the proposed construction plan for 2019 was reviewed. The Clerk will forward the information to Joe Carpenter on the Ottawa Lane Special Assessment for further review. The Township Hall parking lot estimate was reviewed and engineering costs for competitive bids were discussed. The proposed construction plan for 2019 and a list of roads with planned treatment was explained.

Motion by Fuller supported by Spaulding to approve the proposed construction plan for 2019 with a cost to the Township in the amount of \$209,358.51.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

**Old Surplus Store (Corner of M-55 and M-18)**

Real Estate Broker Ruth Clemens entered meeting at 2:50 p.m. She presented a counter offer for the Township to consider for the purchase of the Old Surplus Store and buildings adjacent, along with some adjusted closing costs in the Townships favor. After much deliberation:

Motion by Pedersen supported by Fuller to purchase the old Surplus Store and adjacent buildings (Parcels # 72-003-015-013-0020, # 72-003-015-013-0040 and # 72-003-015-013-0060) at a cost of \$80,000.00 and closing costs at \$1,346.00. Thank you Ruth Clemens for your service to the Township.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:30 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