

-Danby Township Regular Meeting  
October 27, 2016

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Danby Township Hall, 13122 Charlotte Hwy.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call Board Members:** Supervisor Pohl, Trustee McCormack, Treasurer Kolarik, Clerk Platte  
Absent: Trustee Reisbig

**Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting September 22, 2016**

Motion to approve Eric Babbitt home-base business application was seconded by Reisbig not McCormack, minutes to be corrected.

Motion by Kolarik                      Seconded by McCormack                      CARRIED  
    Move to approve minutes as corrected.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Under New Business added the appointment of Kolarik to 911 Central Dispatch as township representative, Township News Letter.

Motion by Kolarik                      Second by Platte                      CARRIED  
    Move to approve agenda as amended.

**Communications:**

Motion by McCormack                      Seconded by Platte                      CARRIED  
    Move to place communications on file.

**Public Comment:**

Joe Russman, Joe and Karen Towner expressed concerns regarding the proposed agriculture zoning amendments and how they could impact future agricultural ordinances.  
Heather Hoffman - gave Assessor's monthly report.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Cemetery Rule Sign update- rules are being reviewed to determine which ones should be placed on the new sign. Kolarik to prepare rough draft of rules and present to board at a future date.

2. An ordinance to amend the Danby Township Zoning Ordinance of Chapter 2, Definitions, to add new definitions of the following terms: agriculture accessory building, farm animals, farm buildings, farm operation and farm product. In chapter 3, section 3.12 - Accessory Buildings, for the existing section, are clarifications on setbacks, attached or detached, exceptions of small buildings and permits to build proposed buildings. A new section is created for Agriculture Accessory Buildings with setback requirements-

MOTION by McCormack                      Seconded by Platte                      CARRIED

    Motion to approve the recommended Agriculture Zoning Amendments to Chapter 2, Definitions, to add new definitions of the following terms: agriculture accessory building, farm

animals, farm buildings, farm operation and farm product; to chapter 3, section 3.12 - Accessory Buildings, for the existing section, clarifications on setbacks, attached or detached, exceptions of small buildings and permits to build proposed buildings and to the new section created for Agriculture Accessory Buildings with setback requirements.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: McCormack, Pohl, Platte

Nays: Kolarik

Motion carried to approve recommended Agriculture Amendments.

The adopted text amendments will be available for viewing posted at the Danby Township Hall and on the website at [www.danbytwp.org](http://www.danbytwp.org).

### **New Business**

1. MTA Training for new members.

Motion by Kolarik	Seconded by Platte	CARRIED
Move to approve travel and training expenses for new board members.		

2. Appoint PAMA member- Sup Pohl will be moving out of the township.

Motion by Kolarik	Seconded by Platte	CARRIED
Move to appoint Randy Foote to PAMA.		

3. Reappointment of John Tannery as the township representative to the Portland District Library-

Motion by McCormack	Seconded by Pohl	CARRIED
Move to appoint John Tannery to the Portland District Library.		

4. Pay Election Inspectors for November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election-

Motion by Kolarik	Seconded by Pohl	CARRIED
Move to pay Election Inspectors for working the November 8 <sup>th</sup> General Election.		

5. Township Website re-design and Website Administrator-

Motion by Kolarik	Seconded by Pohl	CARRIED
Motion approve township supervisor to solicit bids for website re-design and a website administrator.		

6. Shane Merryfield has indicated that would be able to provide snow plowing service for the 2016-2017 winter at an hourly rate of \$65 (same rate as last year)-

Motion by Pohl	Seconded by Kolarik	CARRIED
Move to continue snow removal services with Shane Merryfield at an hourly rate of \$65.		

7. Township Representative to Ionia County 911 Central Dispatch-

Motion by McCormack	Seconded by Platte	CARRIED
Move to appoint Kolarik to 911 Central Dispatch.		

8. Township News Letter – Kolarik asked board members, zoning administrator and assessor to contribute to the newsletter which will be sent out in November.

**Commission & committee Reports:**

1. **Road issues**- Sup Pohl indicated that the road graveling is finishing up and the 3<sup>rd</sup> brine has been placed on the roads.

2. **Planning Commission Update**- Special meeting to be held on November 16, 2016

**Officer Reports:**

1. **Fire Runs**- Two for September, nine for the year.

2. **Bills**- The bills were presented with addition of Tom’s at \$36.52.

Motion by Platte                                      Seconded by Pohl                                      CARRIED

    Pay bills with additions.

3yr/3 device Geek Squad Warranty for township computers-

Motion by Kolarik                                      Seconded by Pohl                                      CARRIED

    Move to approve the purchase of warranty by township assessor Heather Hoffman.

**Treasurer’s Report**- Treasurer Kolarik presented report with an account balance of \$735,464.56

**Cemetery Business** -

Clerk Platte reported that all monument foundations have been poured for year.

**Public Comment** – None

**Announcements:** Next regularly scheduled meeting November 17, 2016

**Adjournment:** Sup Pohl adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Daniel R. Platte  
Danby Township Clerk