

Danby Township Regular Meeting  
December 15, 2016

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at the Danby Township Hall, 13122 Charlotte Hwy.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call Board Members:** Supervisor Platte, Treasurer Kolarik, Trustee Nurenberg, Trustee Schafer, Clerk Platte

**Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting November 17, 2016**

Under Announcements: Next regular scheduled meeting should be December 15, 2016, not January 26, 2017

Motion by K. Platte                      Seconded by Kolarik                      CARRIED  
Move to approve minutes as amended.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Communications:**

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

**Public Comment:**

Bill Brown discussed the home-based business owned by Dave Reay on Charlotte Highway; there are numerous vehicles at this location. When the home-based business was approved it was stated by the owner we would see very little equipment around. Supervisor Platte is going to ask Jeanne Vandersloot to review the home-based business application. Deputy Alex Melinn went over the stats for Danby Township. Daniela Dryer discussed the need for tree trimming on VanBuren Road between Sandborn and Frost Road. Assessor Heather Hoffman presented her November 2016 report.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Cemetery Signage** - Supervisor Platte got a quote from General Signs in Ionia for a 4' x 4' cemetery sign at a cost of \$320.00. There was discussion on whether one or two signs would be needed for the cemetery. Supervisor Platte stated he would check with General Signs to see if they would give a discount if we bought two signs. There was also talk on whether or not the water in the cemetery was potable.

MOTION by Kolarik                      Seconded by K. Platte                      CARRIED  
Approve the purchase of 2 cemetery signs from General Signs of Ionia at a cost of \$320.00 each.

**Assistant Cemetery Sexton Duties**- This will be discussed at the January 2017 regular meeting.

**Website Update**- Danby Township received three proposals for the website upgrade. The proposals will be discussed at the January 2017 regular meeting.

**New Business**

**Danby Township Resolution for 2017 Poverty Exemption-**

Motion by K. Platte

Seconded by Kolarik

CARRIED

Move to adopt resolution of Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2017 Assessments.

Roll-Call Vote:

Yeas: Kolarik, Schafer, D. Platte, Nurenberg, K. Platte

Nays: none

MOTION CARRIED to Adopt Resolution of Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2017 Assessments

ADOPTED

**S/S/D Budget Hearing (1/4/2017 @ 7:00 p.m.) at the Sunfield Hall-** Supervisor Platte presented the date and time of the 2017 S/S/D budget hearing. Supervisor Platte will contact MTA to see how many Danby Township board members can attend this meeting and will send an email out to the Danby Township board members. Gary Hotchkin is the Danby Township representative for this board.

**PAFA – Pay off fire truck loan-** PAFA has enough money to pay off the loan on their existing fire truck and they wanted to get advice from the represented entities think. They have had the loan for a year and want to make sure they have enough credit built up before paying the loan off.

Motion by Kolarik

Seconded by Nurenberg

CARRIED

If PAFA decides to pay-off the loan on the existing fire truck Danby Township has no objection to paying it off.

**Commission & committee Reports:**

**Road issues-** The roads received their last gravel in October 2016 for the year.

**Planning Commission Update-** next meeting to be held January 18, 2017

**Officer Reports:**

**Fire Runs-** One for November, Thirteen for the year.

**Bills-** The bills were presented with addition of S&M Liquid Tire Fill in the amount of \$11,164.74 for brine and the City of Portland in the amount of \$614.85 for the recycling bill.

Motion by D.Platte

Seconded by Kolarik

CARRIED

Pay bills with additions.

**Treasurer's Report-** Treasurer Kolarik presented report with an account balance of \$639,845.88

**Cemetery Business** - None

**Public Comment** – The MTA conference dates were discussed and it appears to be in Lansing April 10-13<sup>th</sup> of 2017. Bill Brown spoke of the poor quality of the brine that was put on the gravel roads in 2016.

**Announcements:** Next regular scheduled meeting January 26, 2017

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Platte adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Kristina K. Platte  
Danby Township Clerk