

Danby Township Regular Meeting
February 23, 2017

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 January 26, 2017

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

Approval of Agenda:

Add under unfinished business #6 Michael Laming Add under new business #5 Pearlbarre
Motion by D. Platte Second by Kolarik CARRIED
Move to approve agenda as amended.

Communications:

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

Public Comment:

Georgia Sharp the Ionia County Commissioner for District 7 introduced herself and gave a report of happenings in Ionia County.

Unfinished Business:

ICRC 2016 Paved Road Evaluation – Paul Spitzley from ICRC introduced Patti Loosemore and gave an update on paved roads and bridges in Ionia County/Danby Township. He discussed the bridge on Cutler Road and the possibility of applying for federal money through a federal bridge fund. He also discussed gravel bids that are due into the ICRC by March 9th.

Assistant Cemetery Sexton Duties – Supervisor Platte will discuss with Ron McDaniels the cemetery sexton some of the township hall responsibilities that are included with the duties of the cemetery sexton's position to make sure the duties are being done.

Portland Recreation Contribution 2017-2018 Request – The City of Portland Parks and Recreation Department are asking for a contribution of \$10,000.00 to help fund the various recreation programs the city offers. The City of Portland Recreation Director was asked to come out to present the Danby Township Board with this request so some questions could be asked, he was not available to do so.

MOTION by Kolarik Seconded by Nurenberg CARRIED
Clerk Platte voted against.

Give \$3,000.00 to the City of Portland Parks and Recreation Department with a letter explaining that Danby Township Board members are not seeing the benefits to their residents

Township Officials Wage Study/Committee – Supervisor Platte recommended and the Danby Township Board agreed that no increases would be made to the salaries for 2017/2018, no further action was taken.

Office Chairs and Hall Tables – Treasurer Kolarik will look at Sam’s Club for costs of new table and chairs for the township hall. The cost of a business membership at Sam’s Club is \$145.00.

MOTION by Schafer Seconded by D. Platte CARRIED

Allow Treasurer Kolarik to purchase a business membership at Sam’s Club.

Michael Laming – Supervisor Platte will contact the Ionia County Sheriff’s Department about going out to Michael Laming’s property on Peake Road.

New Business

Assessor Contract 2017/2018 – The Assessor’s contract for 2017/2018 was presented by Heather Hoffman the Danby Township Assessor. There was discussion about not using paper cards any longer, now that everything would be on computer. The contract and reappraisal was discussed and some changes needed to be made that identified Hoffman Assessing and its staff. The contract proposal should be between Heather Hoffman and Danby Township. The proposed contract and reappraisal will be discussed at the March regular meeting.

2017 Gravel Location – This will be discussed at the March regular meeting, no action taken.

Zoning Administrator Fee Schedule - This will be discussed at the March regular meeting, no action taken.

Cemetery Zero Turn & Dump Trailer – Supervisor Platte is checking on the costs of a new zero turn lawn mower for the cemetery. He talked to Ron McDaniel’s the cemetery sexton about a dump trailer for the cemetery. This trailer would be used to haul the dirt for the grave openings and backfilling the grave sites. Ron prefers the 4 ½ x 8’ trailer with the wheels underneath. The cost is \$2334.50 and the trailer can hold up to 3500 lbs.

MOTION by Kolarik Seconded by K. Platte CARRIED

Approve the purchase of the 4 ½ x 8’ trailer at a cost of \$2334.50 in the 2017/2018 budget year.

Pearlbarr - Treasurer Kolarik brought to the board’s attention a resident in Pearlbar I that owns a strip of land in Pearlbar II. The resident is being charged for lights in both Pearlbar I and Pearlbar II. Treasurer Kolarik thinks the owner may be due a refund, but she’s going to check with the Ionia County Treasurer’s Office and see if that is possible.

Commission & committee Reports:

Road issues- already discussed

Planning Commission Update- next meeting to be held April 19, 2017

Officer Reports:

Fire Runs- No runs in January, Zero for the year.

Bills- The bills were presented with addition of Michigan Election Resource in the amount of \$31.58 and Tri-County in the amount of \$1933.64 (\$1,138.43 for Pearlbar I and \$795.21 for Pearlbar II).

Motion by K.Platte Seconded by Kolarik CARRIED

Pay bills with additions.

Treasurer’s Report- Treasurer Kolarik presented report with an account balance of \$605,275.01

Cemetery Business – Joe Pohl discussed buying a new zero turn lawn mower for the cemetery. Supervisor Platte discussed the need to get the rest of the cemetery lots laid out, while doing so finding and replacing old caps so the lots are easier to locate.

