

Danby Township Regular Meeting  
May 18, 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 April 27, 2017**

Motion by D. Platte                      Seconded by Schafer                      CARRIED  
Move to approve minutes as presented.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Add under new business #4 Portland Ambulance Agreement  
Motion by Kolarik                      Second by K. Platte                      CARRIED  
Move to approve agenda as amended.

**Communications:**

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

**Public Comment:** Supervisor Platte stated Tri-County's annual meeting is being held on May 24, 2017.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Still Meadows Special Assessment District** – Supervisor Platte spoke to the Danby Township attorney Mike Homier about a special assessment district for Still Meadows residents that reside in Danby Township. Mr. Homier stated a special assessment district is the best option for Danby Township and its residents. If a special assessment wasn't in place the residents of Danby Township that reside in Still Meadows could walk away without paying at any time or if the property was sold there would be no obligation for the new homeowner's to help pay for the road maintenance.

**Township Road Millage** – Supervisor Platte checking with Portland Township Board regarding how the township established their road millage. Supervisor Platte also spoke to the Danby Township attorney Mike Homier and Mr. Homier believes the Township Board would have authority to set-up a road millage. The board discussed and decided the best way to see if the township residents would be interested in a road millage is to send a survey to the residents of Danby Township.

**Recycling** – Trustee Nurenberg attended a meeting with the City of Portland and Portland Township. If the City of Portland kept the recycling the cost would be on Danby Township and Portland Township. There was no discussion on how much money the city receives from Granger for recycling. There was talk about possibly offering the recycling to township residents that reside in sub-divisions. Supervisor Platte talked to the Supervisor of Sunfield Township and she stated the Danby Township residents can drop their recycling off at their facility in downtown Sunfield. This would be offered at no cost to Danby Township residents.

### **New Business**

**Solar Power Farms** – The Planning Commission will meet in August and will be discussing solar farms. The companies that look to buy land for these types of farms look at parcels that are 30 acres or more of land.

**Headstone Maintenance** – Supervisor Platte talked to Patten Monument and was going to send them 8 pictures of different headstones to get a price on restoring/repairing them. This was mentioned in the risk assessment for the township to repair so many per year.

**Tree Trimming in Cemetery** – When the risk assessment was done for Danby Township there was talk of removing dead trees/branches in the cemetery to reduce liability to the township. Timber Tree Service provided a bid of \$3,317.00 to remove trees and grind stumps.

Motion by Kolarik                      Seconded by Schafer                      CARRIED

Approve Timber Tree Service to remove 7 trees and grind stumps at a cost not to exceed \$3,317.00.

**Ambulance Agreement** – Treasurer Kolarik presented the Danby Township Board with the 2017/2018 Ambulance Agreement with the City of Portland. The per capita fee was \$5.75 and the cost would remain the same as previous years.

Motion by Kolarik                      Seconded by D. Platte                      CARRIED

Adopt Resolution to allow Clerk and Supervisor to sign the 2017/2018 Ambulance Agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: none

MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

### **Commission & committee Reports:**

**Road Issues-** There have been numerous complaints that there was not enough brine put on the gravel roads. In the previous years the gravel roads were receiving 1000 gallons on roads, but this year there will be 2000 gallons on the gravel roads which should help with the conditions of the roads

**Planning Commission Update-**The Planning Commission's next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2017.

### **Officer Reports:**

**Fire Runs-** Two in April, four for the year.

**Bills-** The bills were presented by Clerk Platte with the additions of Pohl Oil in the amount of \$300.20.

Motion by K.Platte                      Seconded by Kolarik                      CARRIED

Pay bills as presented with the additions of Pohl Oil in the amount of \$300.20.

**Treasurer's Report-** Treasurer Kolarik presented report with an account balance of \$757,257.24

**Cemetery Business** – Supervisor Platte is going to speak to John Wooden to see if he may be interested in making some temporary wooden crosses for township gravesites in the cemetery that can be placed onto the gravesites for families while their headstones are being made, these would only be temporary.

**Public Comment** – Heather Hoffman presented her Assessor's Report for May 2017 and stated she will be out and about in the township reassessing properties.

**Announcements:** Next regular scheduled meeting June 29, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Kristina K. Platte  
Danby Township Clerk