

Diane Ratkovich  
*Supervisor*  
Michelle Stamboulellis  
*Clerk*  
Maris Metz  
*Treasurer*  
James Drolett,  
Karen Nolte,  
Laura Sanders,  
Karen Sikkenga,  
*Trustees*

# DEXTER TOWNSHIP

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 7:00 PM

*Location: In accordance with the provision of the amended Open Meetings Act, the meeting was a "virtual" meeting held over Zoom videoconferencing and was properly noticed and open to the public via computer or phone.*

**SUPERVISOR'S REMARK/CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** No conflicts of interest.

### **1<sup>st</sup> CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Harley Rider

He thanked the Board for addressing the web site upgrade and asked if he could comment on item 10. G, the pilot project to purchase property development rights. He also noted there could be a conflict of interest when there is a recommendation to hire Barry Lonick, who supported the election of one of the Board members and through political action supported the election of three of the Trustees.

### **APPROVAL of the AGENDA:**

**Motion by Sanders** to approve the agenda. Motion second by Nolte. Minutes deemed approved by Supervisor Ratkovich.

### **APPROVAL of the MINUTES:**

**Motion by Metz** to approve the minutes of January 16, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion second by Sanders.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Sikkenga, Drolett, Metz, Sanders, Stamboulellis, Nolte, Ratkovich; Nays – none; Absent – none. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

### **REPORTS (oral presentations):**

- A. Chief Smith from Dexter Area Fire Board: Introduced himself and gave brief synopsis of DAFD Operations and the Dexter Area Fire Board.
- B. Broadband Research Committee – Trustee Nolte: Currently in the process of pinpointing all the non-broadband homes into a map, and overlaying Charter's cabling system. Noted that Comcast is allowed to do some cabling in the Township. Waiting for February report on future grants.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. New Web Site contract: Supervisor Ratkovich stated there were three proposals received. Representatives: Dilan Johnson from Revive, and Andrew Middleton & Kyle Shoemaker from Shoemaker Website Consultants answered Board questions. Both companies will work on and submit proposals.

## B. 2020/2021 Fire Fund Budget Amendment Resolution:

Motion by Drolett to approve Resolution 21-589, a resolution to amend the Fire Fund Budget line item 206.000.818.001 from \$834,567 to \$839,067. Motion second by Metz.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Metz, Drolett, Sikkenga, Nolte, Stamboulellis, Sanders, Ratkovich; Nays – none; Absent – none. Motion carried 7-0.

## C. 2020/2021 Road Commission Budget Amendment Resolution:

Motion by Sikkenga to approve Resolution 21-590, a resolution to amend the Road Commission Budget line item 701.446.801.002 from \$37,840 to \$59,569.95. Motion second by Metz.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Sanders, Metz, Drolett, Stamboulellis, Sikkenga, Nolte, Ratkovich; Nays – none; Absent – none. Motion carried 7-0.

## D. Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test Resolution:

Motion by Drolett to approve Resolution 21-591, a resolution to adopt poverty exemption income guidelines and asset test for the year 2021 tax year. Motion second by Metz.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Drolett, Metz, Sanders, Stamboulellis, Sikkenga, Nolte, Ratkovich; Nays – none; Absent – none. Motion carried 7-0.

## E. Board of Review Protest by Mail Resolution:

Motion by Drolett to approve Resolution 21-592, a resolution to allow taxpayers to protest tax assessments by mail. Motion second by Metz.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Nolte, Sikkenga, Stamboulellis, Drolett, Metz, Sanders, Ratkovich; Nays – none; Absent – none. Motion carried 7-0.

## F. Initiate an Open Space and Farmland Preservation [should be Committee] Board:

Discussion to initiate an Open Space and Farm Land Preservation Committee. A working group, without decision-making capabilities, with a focus on Property Development Rights.

Exploratory Committee will be Laura Sanders, Michelle Stamboulellis, and Maris Metz.

## G. Pilot Project to Purchase Property Development Rights:

Sikkenga presentation on land preservation and grants available for funding purchase development rights. Discussion by the Township Board on direction they would like to proceed.

Motion by Sanders to hire a grant writer to submit a grant to allow the Township to preserve land that is contiguous to a natural area [West Lake Preserve on Island Lake Road]. No second to motion.

Motion by Nolte to approve spending \$1,200, to write a federal grant, to explore the option of obtaining funding for the possibility [of purchasing 13511 Island Lake Road]. Discussion with Barry Lonik. No second to motion.

Karen Sikkenga made a comment that the donation Barry Lonik made, to some of the Trustees, was in the amount of \$30.00.

Motion by Sanders to approve \$1,200, to hire Barry Lonik, to follow through on an application for Federal funds for this particular project, as the first step in order to not miss the [03/12/2021] deadline. Motion second by Stamboulellis.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Stamboulellis, Sanders, Nolte, Sikkenga, Metz, Ratkovich;  
Nays – Drolett; Absent – none. Motion carried 6-0.

Drolett noted he wanted the minutes to reflect that the Board voted on a project that they don't know what to call.

#### H. 2021/2022 Budget Professional Master Planner:

Discussion to approve an amount not to exceed \$75,000 in FY 2021/2022 Budget to fund the hiring of a Professional Master Planner.

DPZ Rohr noted that Master Plans come in all shapes and sizes with Strategic planning synonymous with Master Plan as they are the same thing.

#### I. Board of Trustee work meetings:

Proposed work sessions every other Monday, 6:00 – 7:30 pm for a limited amount of time.

Discussion of what to address in these Monday meetings.

Motion by Sikkenga to hold a Budget Work Session on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6pm.  
Motion second by Nolte.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Metz, Drolett, Stamboulellis, Sikkenga, Nolte, Sanders, Ratkovich;  
Nays – none; Absent – none. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **AUTHORIZATION of PAYMENTS/TRANSFER of FUNDS** – Clerk Stamboulellis

Motion by Metz to authorize January payments of \$54,443.40 General Fund, which includes Gross Payroll of \$27,785.65; Fire Fund \$74,022.43; Police Fund \$43,384.83; and Agency Fund \$3,006.75. Motion second by Stamboulellis. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **2nd CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Harley Rider

Noted that tonight was the second time he, as a citizen, was rudely interrupted when he had permission to speak.

#### **OTHER ISSUES, COMMENTS and CONCERNS of BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF:**

No comments.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Closing Township Office [to the public] on Friday's
- B. FY 2021/2011 Budgets
- C. FY 2021/2022 Meeting Dates
- D. Single Hauler Trash Ordinance

Motion by Drolett to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Metz. Motion carried 7-0.  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Stambouellis, Clerk

Dexter Township

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I, THE UNDERSIGNED, MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, THE DULY QUALIFIED CLERK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DEXTER, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FORGOING IS A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS TAKEN BY THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT A REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021 AND THAT THE FORGOING MINUTES ARE THE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 16, 2021.

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MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, CLERK, DEXTER TOWNSHIP