

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

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 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.*

CALL to ORDER: Supervisor Ratkovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE: Omitted due to teleconferencing.

ROLL CALL: Present – Metz, Sanders, Sikkenga, Stamboulellis, Nolte, Drolett, and Ratkovich.

Absent – None.

Also present: David Rohr, Director of Zoning and Planning, and Janis Miller, Recording Secretary.

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

Supervisor Ratkovich remarks: Website development moving along nicely. Compensation Study is taking place. Staff is now meeting monthly on the Wednesday before the Board meeting. Woodhill Consulting will start, after the Fourth of July, looking to streamline the office. Six candidate interviews were conducted for the Office Manager position.

APPROVAL of the AGENDA:

Motion by Sanders to approve the agenda as amended. Motion second by Nolte.

Motion carried.

1st CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Opened 7:07 PM. No public comments. Closed 7:07 PM.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES:

Motion by Drolett to approve the minutes of May 18, 2021 as amended. Motion second by Sanders. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS (oral presentations):

Julia Roberts, Director, Washtenaw Area Value Transportation (WAVE) Ride the WAVE bus.org Ms. Roberts has been the Director for 9 months and she introduced WAVE and outlined how it operates. Her power-point summarized the assets, door-to-door transportation, and fixed routes. They currently have 13 buses, 2 vans, and employ 25 people. The door-to-door services Chelsea City residents, Dexter Township residents, and Dexter City residents. Fixed routes are along the Jackson Road corridor, around downtown Chelsea, and a shuttle between Stockbridge and Manchester. A non-emergence transportation called Lifeline is used to transport people to appointments throughout the county.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Portage Lake Fireworks Display

Motion by Drolett to approve the application for the Portage Lake Fireworks [for July 3, 2021, rain date July 4, 2021] and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the permit. Motion second by Metz.

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

B. Discussion on Opening the Office and In Person Meetings as of July 1, 2021

Discussion: Open to public before July 1 as there will be in-person meetings of Dexter Area Fire Board and the Open Space and Land Preservation Committee on June 17th. Safety protocols and posting a sign.

Motion by Nolte to go live June 17th, with a sign on the Township door to be Covid Responsible. Motion second by Sikkenga.

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

Motion restated by Supervisor: Motion to approve opening the Township office to the public, and resume in-person meetings at Dexter Township as of June 17th.

C. Resolution to encourage Washtenaw County to Invest ARP money into Broadband Combined with new business item G.

D. Resolution to approve DAFD Bylaws

Discussion: DAFD Bylaws Article 8: At-Large member appointment

Motion by Sikkenga that the amendment to the Dexter Area Fire Department [Board] Bylaws be approved. Motion second by Drolett.

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

E. Motion to approve \$1,200.00 postage bill to mail summer tax bills to residents

Motion by Nolte to approve the \$1,200.00 payment to Print-Tech for postage to mail the summer tax bills. Motion second by Drolett with note that the resolution number sequences will have to be adjusted.

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

F. Approval of Hart Service and Maintenance Contract

Discussion: Savings with a 5-year contract over annual renewal of maintenance contract.

Motion by Drolett to approve a budget amendment to allow for an expenditure of \$12,960.00 for election equipment service and maintenance with Hart Intercivic Company, and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract. Motion second by Stamboulellis.

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

G. Discussion of use of ARP (American Rescue Plan) Funds

Discussion: Multi-Lakes Water and Sewer Authority infrastructure improvements; mental health care for Dexter Township Youth; and broadband to unserved township residents.

Motion by Nolte to adopt Resolution #21-618, A Resolution to Support Affordable Countywide Broadband Access. Motion second by Sikkenga.

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

Added:

H. Donation to Dexter Daze

Discussion: MTA says money can only be used for advertising assets of the township. Suggested support of an appropriation in the amount of \$300 as a supported business sponsor.

Motion by Drolett to approve a donation of \$300, to help for advertising, for the Dexter Daze event in the City of Dexter. Motion second by Stamboulellis.

Discussion: Is \$300 a fair amount. Dexter Daze has lost revenue and vendors. Next level is Bronze Sponsor at \$750. Attorney comment: Recognizing the limitations on the purpose of this contribution of public funds as MTA instructed it could only be used for advertising the township assets.

Second to motion withdrawn by Stamboulellis. Motion withdrawn by Drolett.

Motion by Sikkenga to provide \$750 in support of Dexter Daze. Motion second by Stamboulellis.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Stamboulellis, Sikkenga, Sanders, Metz, Nolte, Ratkovich;
Nays – Drolett; Absent – None. **Motion carried 6-1.**

Motion restated by Supervisor: A motion to appropriate \$750 for Dexter Township to be
a sponsor of Dexter Daze, from the Community Initiative Fund.

Drolett explained his no vote: He doesn't oppose Dexter Daze, he doesn't think the Township should be spending that kind of money to support a 501 3(c) private corporation

that puts on Dexter Daze.

I. Appointment of Karen Sikkenga to WATS - the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study Committee

Motion by Nolte to appoint Sikkenga to the WATS Study Committed for the duration of her Dexter Township Trustee position. Motion second by Metz.

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

J. Discussion of Township lawnmowing contract

March 17, 2020 Board of Trustees motion to approve the 2020/2021 lawn and ground maintenance contract to Stamboulellis Landscaping LLC, in the amount of \$88,090.00. The contract can be renewed, without bidding, with consideration for fuel costs. This contract needs to be renewed by the Board of Trustees. Added to the Dexter Township Board of Trustees' agenda for July 20.

APPOINTMENT of members to the Open Space and Land Preservation Committee

Motion by Nolte to appoint Michelle Stamboulellis, Laura Sanders, Ginny Trocchio, Dale Lesser, Kathy Bradbury, and Frank Johnson to serve on the Open Space and land Preservation Committee starting June 15, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. Motion second by Metz.

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

AUTHORIZATION of PAYMENTS/TRANSFER of FUNDS – Treasurer Metz

Motion by Metz to authorize payment in the amounts of: June gross payroll \$27,439.71, \$77,921.14 for General Fund, \$74,029.06 for Fire Fund, \$40,768.90 for Police Fund, and \$170.00 for Agency fund. Grand total including payroll is \$192,889.10. Motion second by Stamboulellis.

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

2nd CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Opened 8:57 PM. No public comments. Closed 8:57 PM.

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

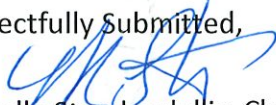
DPZ Rohr – Update on the RFP (Request for Proposal) for review of the Master Plan: It was published Monday, June 7th, and will be open until July 22nd. Publication on the Dexter Township Website, Michigan Planning Association and the Michigan Township Association (MTA).

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Meeting with DAFD Chief Smith regarding the International Fire Code
- B. Discussion on cyber security
- C. Renewal of lawnmowing contract with Stamboulellis Landscaping

Motion by Ratkovich to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Drolett. **Motion carried.**
The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Stamboulellis, Clerk

Dexter Township

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 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2021 AND THAT THE FORGOING MINUTES ARE THE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, CLERK, DEXTER TOWNSHIP