

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

DEXTER TOWNSHIP

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MEETING OF THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 7:00 PM

Location: 6880 Dexter Pinckney Road. Dexter TWP, Michigan. 48130

CALL to ORDER: Clerk Stamboulellis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all.

MOTION to APPOINT CLERK STAMBOULELLIS as CHAIR for TONIGHT

Motion by Metz, second by Sikkenga, to approve Michelle Stamboulellis, our Clerk, to be the moderator of this meeting today, in the absence of Diane Ratkovich, our supervisor.

All ayes. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL/SUPERVISOR'S REMARK/CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Present – Sanders, Sikkenga, Nolte, Metz, and Stamboulellis.

Absent – Ratkovich.

Also present: David Rohr, Director of Planning and Zoning; Mark Roberts, Attorney Secrest Wardle; Colleen Coogan, Woodhill Consulting; and Janis Miller, Recording Secretary.

Conflict of Interest: No conflicts of interest by Board members.

1st CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Opened 7:03 PM

Greg McKenzie, 1741 N. Dancer Road, Lima Township

As Treasurer of the Chelsea Area Construction Authority Board, he was asking the Dexter Township Board to retain Jim Drolett as the Dexter Township representative to the CACA Board. He noted that the bylaws do not state the representative has to be on the Township Board.

David Carroll, 9380 Hidden Lake Circle

He inquired about the Township using a single trash hauler. Treasurer Metz responded that a decision had not been made by the Dexter Township Board.

Closed: 7:12 pm

APPROVAL of the AGENDA:

Trustee Nolte would like to add an item 8.d) Broadband update, and also add the August 19th Special Meeting minutes for approval.

Motion by Nolte, second by Metz to approve the agenda as amended with two additions. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES:

Motion by Nolte, second by Metz, to approve the Regular Township Board meeting minutes of August 17th as presented. All ayes. Motion carried

Motion by Nolte, second by Sander, to approve the Special Township Board meeting minutes of August 19th, with the amendment that the italicized wording at the top be stricken. All ayes.

Motion carried.

Motion by Sikkenga, second by Metz, to approve the Special Township Board meeting minutes of September 8th as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS (oral presentations):

- a. Woodhill Group – Colleen Coogan

Colleen updated the Board on unrestricted general fund, computerized receipting, wages in regards to staff retention, and streamlining payroll.

- b. Road Commission Report/Local Roads and Trail Planning – Trustee Sikkenga
Karen Sikkenga discussed bringing the local township roads up to a better level by using crushed limestone. The Northwest Passage Steering Committee had its first meeting and will meet monthly in the future. Discussion was connecting Hudson Mills Hiking/Biking Trail with Stinchfield Road, which needs constructing.
- c. Update on Dexter Township Clean-up Day and Recycling – Clerk Stambouellis & Trustee Nolte
Clean-Up Day is scheduled for October 30th, 9am to 12 pm, in the Township parking lot. Items to be collected are scrap metal, electronics, paper shredding, Styrofoam, film plastic, car and house hold batteries, and old tires, as well as the usual green bin recyclables. Roadway clean-up will also be taking place on October 30th. Volunteers are needed.
- d. Broadband – Trustee Nolte
The Broadband Task Force in Washtenaw County, and Board of Commissioners, will invest 14.6 million dollars in Washtenaw County to insure 100% Broadband coverage in the county. This will be accomplished with the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) and Washtenaw County American Rescue Plan (ARP).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Motion to approve the Investment Policy as approved by the Township Attorney – Treasurer Metz.
Motion by Sikkenga, second by Nolte, to approve the Investment Policy, as approved by the Township Attorney [Mark Roberts], and proposed by the Treasure. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Resolution to contract with consultants Beckett & Raeder to conduct the review of the Township Master Plan – Trustee Sikkenga & Director of Planning and Zoning David Rohr
Motion by Nolte, second by Sanders, to approve Master Plan consultant contract with Beckett & Raeder, and to authorize the Supervisor to execute the contract on behalf of the Township Board.
Attorney Roberts said he had not reviewed the contract and asked that the motion include counsel review before signing the contract.
New motion:
Nolte, Resolution #21-627. Motion by Nolte to approve accepting Beckett & Raeder as the Master Plan consultants, and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract, once the contract has been reviewed by the Township Attorney. Motion second by Sikkenga. All ayes. Motion carried.
- b. Resolution to increase hourly rates for Township Staff and welcome new Deputy Clerk Christine Pines
Treasurer Metz recused herself from voting as her brother is Deputy Treasurer.
Motion by Sanders to increase the rates of the Township Staff to the rates that are shown on the document.

New motion:

Motion by Sanders, second by Sikkenga, to adopt Resolution #21-628, to increase salary rates for the following township employees: [Office Manager] Kim Jordan, [Deputy Treasurer] Matt Dedes, [Recording Secretary] Janis Miller, and [Ordinance Officer] Mike Zsenyuk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nolte, second by Sanders, to authorize the hiring of Christina Pines as the Deputy Clerk for Dexter Township, at \$25.00 an hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

- c. Nomination and Appointment [for vacant Board of Trustee position] with the term September 21, 2021 to November 20, 2022.

Attorney Mark Roberts said all five candidates were interviewed in a public meeting so the process was to narrow the field down to two or three with nominations. Then a motion to appoint would be entered for each candidate until one is approved by the Board.

Nominations:

River Karaba: Motion by Nolte, second by Sikkenga, to nominate River Karaba as a candidate for Trustee. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Mark Teicher: Motion to nominate fails for lack of support.

Jim Dempsey, Jr.: Motion to nominate fails for lack of support.

Steve Feinman: Motion to nominate fails for lack of support.

Jeffrey McDole: Motion by Nolte, second by Metz, to nominate Jeff McDole as a candidate for Trustee. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Nolte, second by Metz, to appoint Jeffrey McDole as a Dexter Township Trustee with the term of service September 21, 2021 through November 22, 2021. All ayes. Motion carried. Jeffrey will be sworn in immediately after tonight's meeting.

- d. Motion to remove Jim Drolett from the Chelsea Area Construction Agency [Board] and as Township Fence Viewer.

Discussion: Comments by Greg McKenzie, of the Chelsea Area Construction Agency Board, regarding Drolett's removal at this time. Lack of Jim Drolett's presence to advocate for himself. Loss of historical knowledge by Jim on both the Township Board and Chelsea Area Construction Board. Attorney Roberts noted it would be prudent to keep him in the position until a replacement is appointed, as it is not required to remove him immediately. Incomplete reporting to the Board of what was happening at the Chelsea Area Construction Agency. Attorney Roberts said it should be in writing, to Jim Drolett, that he provides a report [other than CACA minutes] each month to the Dexter Township Board.

Motion by Sikkenga, second by Nolte, to table this [decision] until next month [October 19th Dexter Township Board meeting]. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION of PAYMENTS – Treasurer Metz

Motion by Metz to authorize payment in the amounts of: \$60,518.01, from the General Fund, includes payroll; \$13,789.68, Fire Fund; \$40,764.99, Police Fund; and \$4,043.50 General Agency Fund. Grand total of \$119,116.08. Motion second by Sikkenga. All ayes. Motion carried.

2nd CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Open 8:38pm No Public comments. Closed 8:38pm

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

Sikkenga: The Conflict-of-Interest Policy was approved with some minor wording changes. What is the procedure for getting all the signatures? Colleen said she would get with the Supervisor.

Nolte: Where is the Township at with the Marihuana issue?

Attorney Roberts: The Planning Commission will look at it next week and will submit its recommendation to the Board. There is the option of extending the moratorium.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) A look at what the Planning Commission recommends for a Marihuana Ordinance.
- 2) Appointing a representative to the Chelsea Area Construction Agency Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nolte, second by Metz, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:41 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 21TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021 AND THAT THE FORGOING MINUTES ARE THE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THE 21TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.

MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, CLERK, DEXTER TOWNSHIP