

Karen Sikkenga
Supervisor
Michelle Stambourellis
Clerk
Maris Metz
Treasurer,
Gretchen Driskell
Karen Nolte,
Laura Sanders,
Lonnie Scott
Trustees

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 6:00PM

Location: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI

CALL to ORDER: Supervisor Sikkenga called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Present – Stambourellis, Metz, Sanders, Driskell, Scott, and Sikkenga. Absent – Trustee Nolte. Also present: Sinéad Redmond, Attorney and; and Janis Miller, Recording Secretary.

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

CALL for PUBLIC on AGENDA ITEMS:

Due to the large number of public present who wanted to speak on non-agenda items, the Board made the decision to allow them to speak at this time. As they were all present for the same issue Supervisor Sikkenga asked that they choose one person to speak on their behalf.

Opened 6:03 PM

Lisa Stahl, 9601 Lakeview Drive, Pinckney

Her concern was a neighbor who demolished a building, and since there was a 10-year history of this neighbor not cleaning up his property, they wanted to know if the township could make him clean up the demolition site.

Ann Courtney, 9405 Lakeview Drive, Pinckney

She was concerned with [what she perceived as] the lack of action on the part of the Township as the neighborhood has waited years for this specific neighbor to clean up his blighted property.

Most Board members responded that this is the first they heard of the problem.

Kevin Warner, 4226 Dexter Townhall Road

He introduced himself to the Board and stated he recently participated in the hiring process for the Ordinance Enforcement Officer position. He is retired from a 35-year career in law enforcement and would like to serve in a position with the township.

Closed 6:08 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Treasurer Metz to approve the Consent Agenda [should be motion for Agenda] as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee Scott. All ayes. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approval of minutes for August 28, 2023 Workshop and August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees.
- b) Authorizing the Supervisor to sign a 3-year agreement with VC3 (formerly IT right).

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immediately. Treasurer Metz so moved. Motion seconded by Trustee Scott. All ayes. Motion carried.

iii) Motion to appoint members of the Compensation Committee Presented slate is four members and a fifth will be recruited, and approved by the Board in October. The four members are a quorum for their meeting on October 7th. Motion by Trustee Driskell to approve the four candidates identified in the recommendation. Motion seconded by Trustee Sanders. All ayes. Motion carried.

d) Motion to amend Dexter Township's Investment Policy Summary of Investment Policy revisions by Treasurer Metz. Discussion: Moving funds into short term investments. Investing in local bonds. Accounting Consultant Matt Horning is an accountant, not an advisor, so the Township is looking to hire an investment advisor. The Investment Policy must be approved by the State of Michigan Motion by Trustee Driskell to adopt the Investment Policy with the understanding that we are continuing to pursue additional investment advice. Motion seconded by Trustee Scott. Discussion: Being socially responsible for our investments. It is very narrow what a governmental institution can invest their money with. Municipal Bonds (local community investments) are a good way to invest. Amended motion: to add language to the first page of the Investment Policy under "Policy" – Following the Public Act 20 of 1943, the Township will make every effort to invest in socially responsible funds. Also change the grammar on page 8. Both Trustee Driskell and Trustee Scott approve amendments. Motion vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a) Board of Trustees Board Rules. This is a first reading only. Discussed the Order of Business, especially the placement of Public Comment and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b) Strategic Priorities Overview by Supervisor Sikkenga. Sub Committee of Treasurer Metz, Clerk Stamboullis, and Trustee Driskell will work on this.

Q & A REPORTS:

- a) Supervisor Report – Supervisor Sikkenga
- b) Clerk Report – Clerk Stamboullis
- c) Treasurer Report – Treasurer Metz
- d) Dexter Township Board and Committee Reports – No reports this month.
- e) Committee Reports for Dexter Township Affiliates:
- f) Sheriff's Department – No report this month.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Opened 8:07 PM. No public comments.

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

Treasurer Metz – The contract with IT Right expired several months ago. Her concern was the VC3 contract cost doubles in year 2025-2026.

Trustee Scott – Introduced his letter to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Trustee Driskell – She was concerned with the public comment and how the Board would follow-up with neighborhood in a timely manner.

Clerk Stamboulellis – Informed the residents and Board about her upcoming *Elections Chat with The Clerk* scheduled for September 23, 2023 at 11am. She would be answering questions about Elections, Prop-2 Laws, early 9 days voting and the importance of working as an Election Inspector.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Treasurer Metz to adjourn. Motion seconded by Clerk Stamboulellis. All ayes. The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:27PM.

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 SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER AND THAT THE FORGOING MINUTES ARE THE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH, DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, CLERK, DEXTER TOWNSHIP

