

Karen Sikkenga
Supervisor
Michelle Stamboulellis
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 OCTOBER 17, 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 – Stamboulellis, Metz, Sanders, Nolte, Scott, and Sikkenga. Absent – Driskell, with notice. Also present: Sinéad Redmond, Attorney and; and Janis Miller, Recording Secretary.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: No conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Treasurer Metz to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Clerk Stamboulellis. All ayes. Motion carried.

CALL for PUBLIC COMMENT on AGENDA ITEMS:

Jeff McDole, previous Trustee, thanked everyone on the board for their service.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approval of minutes: September 19, 2023
 - b) Approve a fifth Compensation Committee member, approve roles, establish staggered terms, expand commission charge to include recommendations on benefits for elected officials.
 - c) Approval of transactions; acknowledgement of Receipt of General Ledger Reports
- Motion by Trustee Scott to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee Sanders. All ayes. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Approve changes to the Community Engagement Calendar
Trustee Nolte and Trustee Scott are not available on December 14th so that event was removed from the calendar and will be revisited later.
Motion by Trustee Nolte to approve the Community Engagement Calendar as amended.
Motion seconded by Treasurer Metz. All ayes. Motion carried.
- b) Authorize the Farmland and Open Space board to expend up to \$31K for the purchase of development rights [2023-1]
Motion by Trustee Scott to approve up to \$31,000 for the request from FOSPB to purchase a conservation easement. Motion seconded by Clerk Stamboulellis.
Roll Call Vote: Yea – Trustee Scott, Treasurer Metz, Trustee Nolte, Trustee Sanders, Clerk Stamboulellis, and Supervisor Sikkenga; Nays – None; Absent – Trustee Driskell.
Motion carried 6-0.
- c) Approval Board of Trustees Board Rules: discuss social media Policy
Discussion: Uncomfortable with social media Policy so it will be deleted from the Personnel Policy and Board Rules, at this time. Page 28, when do we “suspend the rules?” Page 29,

Nepotism appears contradictory. This policy allows for public participation via Zoom. Supervisor Sikkenga states the motion as approval of the Board of Trustees Board Rules. Trustee Nolte so moved. Motion seconded by Trustee Scott. Roll Call Vote: Yea – Treasurer Metz, Trustee Scott, Clerk Stamboulellis, Trustee Sanders, Trustee Nolte, and Supervisor Sikkenga; Nays – None; Absent – Trustee Driskell. Motion carried 6-0.

d) Approval of Personnel Policy

Supervisor Sikkenga comment: Still working to see if a health plan can be offered to staff. Motion by Treasurer Mets to approve the Personnel Policy. Motion seconded by Trustee Sanders. All ayes. Motion carried.

e) Authorize the Clerk to sign a letter of intention to participate in shared staffing for early voting. Clerk Stamboulellis brought a letter of support to the BOT asking permission for Dexter Township to participate in the County Coordinated Early Voting Site Agreement, document the board packet, summarized by Clerk Stamboulellis and questions answered by Clerk Stamboulellis. Motion by Treasurer Metz (“I move”). Motion seconded by Trustee Sanders. All ayes. Motion carried.

f) Authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with American Association Management After a discussion it was decided to table, at this time, contracting with a property management company.

g) Authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Proven Design Studio Motion by Treasurer Metz (“I move”). Motion seconded by Trustee Sanders. Roll Call Vote: Yea – Clerk Stamboulellis, Trustee Sanders, Treasurer Metz, Trustee Scott, Trustee Nolte, and Supervisor Sikkenga; Nays – None; Absent – Trustee Driskell. Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a) Public Safety Funding

Discussion of pros and cons of a millage versus a special assessment for public safety (fire and police services). More information needs to be gathered for the Board regarding special assessments. Send out a flyer to inform the residents. The County Public Safety Millage will be on the ballot next year and could conflict with a Dexter Township Public Safety Millage request.

O & A REPORTS:

- a) Supervisor Report – Supervisor Sikkenga
- b) Clerk Report – Clerk Stamboulellis
- c) Treasurer Report – Treasurer Metz
- d) Dexter Township Board and Committee Reports
 - i) Farmland and Open Space Board
 - ii) Planning Commission
- e) Committee Reports for Dexter Township Affiliates
 - i) Huron River Watershed

- f) Other Reports
 - i) Fire Department Activities
 - ii) Sheriff's Department Activities

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Alicia Abbott, thanked the township for a successful clean-up day. She had no idea there was so much discarded Styrofoam and happy it was collected at the Dexter Township. Alicia also thanked the Board of Trustees for keeping the township clean.

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

Clerk Stambouellis – Thanked everyone who came to the September 23rd Elections Coffee Chat and reminded everyone of the scheduled second Elections Coffee Chat on November 18th at 11am.

Supervisor Sikkenga – She said that any of the four Trustees could serve as election workers.

Trustee Nolte – Thanked everyone who volunteered for Clean-Up Day, it was the biggest donation of dollars they had received. Broadband report: Spectrum is starting to install in Dexter Township. Will be sending out RFP for a single hauler trash contract. Multi Lakes is paying \$180,000 for the hill on N. Territorial to be reduced. She is also looking for information to add for “In the Loop”, and would like to publish another newsletter by the end of the year.

Trustee Scott – Noted the SEMCOG General Assembly meeting next week. He said there is funding opportunities for wastewater, roads, and land preservation. He also thanked everyone for their efforts on Clean-up Day.


Supervisor Sikkenga – She said that work on the budget will start in December. She is asking the Board to review the committee assignments and let her know their preferences. Dexter Township office is now fully staffed.

Attorney Sinéad Redmond – Questioned if the Board would have a quorum next month as that week is Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Nolte to adjourn. Motion seconded by Treasurer Metz. All ayes. The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Stambouellis, 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 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER AND THAT THE FORGOING MINUTES ARE THE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH, DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, CLERK, DEXTER TOWNSHIP

