

Karen Sikkenga
Supervisor
Michelle Stamboullis
Clerk
Maris Metz
Treasurer,
Gretchen Driskell
Karen Nolte,
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY JANUARY 16, 2024 6:00PM

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

CALL to ORDER: Supervisor Sikkenga called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

ROLL CALL: Taken at Public Budget Hearing. No conflicts of interest.

CALL for PUBLIC: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Treasurer Metz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee Driskell. All ayes. Motion carried

CALL for PUBLIC COMMENT on AGENDA ITEMS:

Opened 6:03 PM. No public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

a) Approval of Minutes: Board of Trustees; December 19, 2023 [Regular Meeting] and January 8

2024 Budget Workshop

Note: January Budget Workshop minutes not completed/available for approval.

b) Approval of committee appointments

c) Approval of 2024 Community Calendar

Motion by Trustee Scott to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Treasurer Metz. All ayes. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

a) Approval of the Master Plan – Rowan Brady, Beckett & Raeder

Consultant Rowan Brady summarized the Planning Commission recommended changes to the Master Plan. He highlighted the key goals of the Master Plan (pg. 57) and discussed each Cornerstone (pg. 60). The Zoning Plan (pg.69) are the key elements for the Planning Commission to address as they are working, over the next five years until the Master Plan is revisited, to achieve the goals of the Master Plan. Rowan answered questions from the Board.

Motion by Treasurer Metz, seconded by Clerk Stamboullis, to approve the Master Plan.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Trustee Driskell, Trustee Sanders, Trustee Scott, Trustee Nolte,

Treasurer

Metz, Clerk Stamboullis and Supervisor Sikkenga; Nays – None; Absent – None.

Motion carried 7-0.



b) FY25 General Appropriations Act

Discussion: Budget Workshop a few weeks ago. Review of Capital numbers. Capital Reserve is at \$232,00.00. Pie chart included in Board packets for further explanation. Monies for Farmland and Open Space dedicated to Natural Resources and Recreation component of the Master Plan and because the millage favors farmland. Dedicating monies limits flexibility of the FOSP Board as there are County monies (grants) for natural areas. Farmland needs to be preserved as it is less likely that natural areas would be developed. Cell tower line item. Line item for Election Revenue. Allocation of \$38,400.00 for Deputy. Job descriptions of staff for better understanding of what employees are doing. Proposed budget posted on website and posted at the Township Hall on January 10, 2024. Clerk Stamboulellis stated, Notice to Clerk of this special meeting not received in timely manner so it was not published in print in Sun Time News. Legal requirements for publishing special meetings. Maybe a policy should be developed on meeting notifications. Supervisor defers action to the February Board meeting.

c) Compensation Resolution – Supervisor Sikkenga

Only change from the Budget Workshop is the Supervisor consolidated the Deputies into a single position with a single salary range. Accountant Kim Hains can start loading BS&A for posting in February after Budget the is approved.

Motion by Trustee Driskell to move the resolution as written. Motion seconded by Trustee Nolte.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Trustee Scott, Trustee Driskell, Trustee Sanders, Trustee Nolte, Clerk Stamboulellis, Treasurer Metz, and Supervisor Sikkenga; Nays – None; Absent – None.

Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a) Financial Status and Transactions – Supervisor Sikkenga; Clerk Stamboulellis

Financial Reports pulled together into a single package that forecasts year end and pull-out largest transactions for comments.

b) Solar legislation – Trustee Driskell

Trustee Driskell attended a webinar with the following summary: a) Act 233 signed into law November 2023, to take effect November 2024, b) applies to wind project capacity of 100 megawatts or larger, and solar project capacity of 50 megawatts, with battery storage included in the legislation, c) if the community is not working with the applicant, the Public Service Commission will oversee the actual siting of the project, d) communities need to develop a workable ordinance or a CREO (Compatible Renewal Energy Ordinance) that is compatible with the state legislation e) County and Townships need to work together. There needs to be a community education forum on solar as there is a lot of misinformation and fear.

c) Planning and Zoning updates – Supervisor Sikkenga

Planning Director Megan Masson-Minock will be working with the Planning Commission in 2024 to recommend Zoning Ordinance changes to the Board of Trustees.

Q & A STAFF REPORTS:

- a) Supervisor Report – Supervisor Sikkenga
- b) Clerk Report – Clerk Stamboulellis
- c) Treasurer Report – Treasurer Metz
- d) Planning Commission – Megan Masson-Minock, Planning Director

BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Huron River Watershed Council – Sue Bade, Dexter Township Representative
- b) Broadband, Multilakes Multi Lake, Single Hauler – Trustee Nolte

DATA & PERFORMANCE METRICS:

- a) Sheriff’s Department activities
- b) Dexter Area Fire Department calls for service

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Opened 7:40 PM. No public comments.

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

Supervisor Sikkenga suggested reworking the staff reports into a “Township Report” with a list of topics instead of individual department reports.

Clerk Stamboulellis reported that the 2024 Presidential Primary ballots would be mailed out January 18th and the public accuracy testing of the election equipment would be February 12th.

ADJOURNMENT: With the agenda completed and no other business pending, Supervisor Sikkenga adjourned at 7:35 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 SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER AND THAT THE FORGOING MINUTES ARE THE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST, DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.

MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, CLERK, DEXTER TOWNSHIP

