

Danby Township Regular Meeting  
October 26, 2023

The Regular Meeting was held at The Danby Township Hall 13122 Charlotte Hwy, Sunfield, Mi and was opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

Present: Supervisor Platte, Trustee Nurenberg, Treasurer Hoppes, Clerk Platte  
Absent; Trustee Schafer

**Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting September 28, 2023:**

Motion by Nurenberg                      Seconded by D. Platte                      CARRIED  
Approve minutes of Regular Meeting September 28, 2023 as presented.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by D. Platte                      Seconded by K. Platte                      CARRIED  
Approve the agenda as presented.

**Communications:**

Motion by Nurenberg                      Seconded by Hoppes                      CARRIED  
Place Communications on file.

**Public Comment:** Treasurer Hoppes announced her Deputy Treasurer was in attendance. Heather Hoffman presented her Assessor Report. Jeanne Vandersloot presented her Zoning Administrator Report.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Township Fiber Optics** – Supervisor Platte stated there is currently around 25% of Danby Township that does not have fiber optics. Tri-County is estimated to have 50% of the engineering done for Danby Township. Once the engineering is completed Tri-County will present a cost to Danby Township for fiber optics.

**Zoning Administrator Eventual Replacement** – Supervisor Platte stated interviews were held on October 25, 2023 for a new Zoning Administrator. The Danby Township Board will hold a special meeting to decide on a candidate.

Motion by D. Platte                      Seconded by K. Platte                      CARRIED  
Schedule a special meeting on Monday October 30, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. to select the candidate for the Zoning Administrator position.

**Partition in Office Side of Township Hall** – No Update

**Active Shooter/Emergency Policy for Township** – No Update

**ADT Commercial Proposal for Security Cameras @ Township Hall** – This will be postponed until a later date when the Clerk has all the requirements for the security cameras around the Ballot Dropbox.

**Alternate ZBA Member Possible Renewal** – Supervisor Platte will call to find a replacement for an Alternate ZBA member. Daniel Regis a township resident was in attendance and when asked if he was interested in the position, he stated he would.

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Motion by D. Platte                      Seconded by K. Platte                      CARRIED  
Appoint Daniel Regis to the Alternate ZBA member position.

**New Business:**

**PAMA 2024/2025 Budget** - Supervisor Platte stated that PAMA is currently working on their budget.  
**Mass Rezoning of Tupper Lake and Clintonia Road from RR to AG –**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DANBY TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE OF CHAPTER 4 REGARDING A REZONE OF A GROUP OF PARCELS FROM RR TO AG, DESCRIBED BELOW AND THE ATTACHED MAP.**

**THE TOWNSHIP OF DANBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1:**

**Amend section 4.02 A - Zoning Map, from RR District to AG District.**

Motion by D. Platte                      Seconded by K. Platte

Approve the Amendment for Section 4.02 A – Zoning Map from RR District to AG District.

YEAS: Hoppes, K. Platte, Nurenberg, D. Platte

NAYS: none

MOTION CARRIED

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DANBY TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE OF CHAPTER 4 REGARDING A REZONE OF 11615 E TUPPER LAKE RD FROM RR TO AG, AS DESCRIBED BELOW.**

**(NOTE THAT THE REZONE WAS DENIED)**

**THE TOWNSHIP OF DANBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1:**

**Amend section 4.02 A - Zoning Map, from RR District to AG District as described below:**

The address of 11615 E Tupper Lake Rd, Grand Ledge pp # 040 025 000 015 50, by application, is to be rezoned from RR to AG.

Motion by K. Platte                      Seconded by D. Platte

Approve the Denial for Spot Re-zone of 11615 E Tupper Lake Rd, Grand Ledge pp # 040 025 000 015 50.

YEAS: D. Platte, Nurenberg, Hoppes, K. Platte

NAYS: none

MOTION CARRIED

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DANBY TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE OF CHAPTER 5 , 6, 7, 9 and 10 REGARDING LOT WIDTH TO DEPTH SECTIONS, SHOWN BELOW IN ITS ENTIRETY.**

**THE TOWNSHIP OF DANBY ORDAINS:**

*New language is shown in magenta color and black colored wording is existing ordinance language.*

**SECTION 1:**

**Amend section 5.04 F - AG District, section 6.04 F - RR District, section 7.04 F - R-1 District, section 9.04 F - C-1 District and section 10.04 F - L-1 District with the additional language**

Motion by K. Platte                      Seconded by Nurenberg

Approve the Amended section 5.04 F - AG District, section 6.04 F - RR District, section 7.04 F - R-1 District, section 9.04 F - C-1 District and section 10.04 F - L-1 District with the additional language.

YEAS: Hoppes, K. Platte, Nurenberg, D. Platte

NAYS: none

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MOTION CARRIED

**Commission & Committee Reports:**

**Road Issues** – The gravel roads are in rough shape. A township resident spoke of the condition of Tupper Lake Road, the chatter bumps and why the ICRD scrapped the road when it was in great shape.

**Planning Commission Update** - The Planning Commission has a meeting scheduled for January 17, 2024.

**Officer Reports:**

**Fire Runs** - 5 Fire runs in September, for a total of 24 in the 2023 year.

**Bills**- Clerk Platte presented the bills with the additions of Heather Hoffman in the amount of \$970.50 for Pivot Point software, Gary's Heating in the amount of \$350.00, grant permission to pay Miller's Trucking when the bill arrives.

Motion by K. Platte                      Seconded by Nurenberg                      CARRIED

Pay the bills as presented with the additions of Heather Hoffman in the amount of \$970.50 for Pivot Point software, Gary's Heating in the amount of \$350.00, and grant permission to pay Miller's Trucking when the bill arrives.

**Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Hoppes presented the balances with a total of \$501,522.28.

**Cemetery Business:**

Cemetery Sexton Bill Nurenberg stated he got all the new stones placed around the Danby Township Hall. He also stated there were 2-cremations and Timber Tree Service removed the tree from the cemetery that got struck by lightning. Supervisor Platte stated he got an estimate from Gabe Goodrich to repair the pillars around the Danby Township Cemetery. The estimate does not include supplying the brick, it was for repair only.

**Announcements:** The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2023.

**Public Comment:** Assessor Heather Hoffman wanted to let the board know the tax inflation multiplier will be 5%. Jeanne Vandersloot spoke of maintenance for the homes on Carrigan Lane.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Kristina Platte  
Danby Township Clerk