

Danby Township Regular Meeting  
July 29, 2021

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

**Roll Call of Board Members Present:** Supervisor Platte, Trustee Schafer, Trustee Nurenberg, Treasurer Hoppes. Absent: Clerk Platte

**Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting June 24, 2021:**

Motion by D Platte      Seconded By Schafer      CARRIED  
    Approve minutes of June 24, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by D Platte      Seconded by Nurenberg      CARRIED  
    Approve the agenda as presented

**Communications:**

Motion by Nurenberg      Seconded by Schafer      CARRIED  
    Place Communications on file

**Public Comment:**

**Assessor Report-** Assessor Hoffman reported 14 building permits, 0 splits, and 2 visits to make as a result of permits received from Jeanne Vandersloot. July Board of Review information was given to Treasurer Hoppes. This included 4 denials from the Department of Treasury. 1000 postcards will be needed for field review, Heather will order the postcards from Vistaprint in the amount of \$68.00 and submit a request for reimbursement.

**Zoning Administrator Report-** Jeanne received 3 Zoning permits for the month of June. The ZBA met on 7/19 for a variance for a garage setback. Nuisance follow up for properties were given as follows:  
11614 E Grand River- Almost fully cleaned up  
11152 Grand River- work in progress, resident has been in contact with Jeanne and plans to put up fence  
11129 Minkley – very little progress, 7/9 Civil infraction was issued  
9962 Charlotte Hwy- Acceptable clean up  
11477 Peake - letter and copy of nuisance ordinance provided to resident, Jeanne will follow up.  
Zoning books were printed and are at the hall for pickup.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Recreational Marihuana-** Supervisor Platte stated that Clerk Platte was in the process of verifying signatures that were turned in.

**Parking Lot-**

Motion by Nurenberg      seconded by Schafer  
    Approval to publish an Ad requesting to receive bids for parking lot work.

**Nuisance Ordinance** – Jeanne Vandersloot provided the updated Nuisance Ordinance to include additional and updated wording.

Motion by Platte      Seconded by Schafer

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Roll call: Nurenberg- yes, Schafer- yes, D Platte- yes, Hoppes- yes  
Approval to adopt the Nuisance Ordinance as updated

**New Business:**

**City of Portland Contribution-** Neil Brown, Director of City of Portland's Park and Rec Department was present to answer questions regarding the use of funds when contribution is made. The city deposits as a Rec Department deposit and uses the funds to offer affordable programs for both youth and adults, maintain the parks, river trail, and splash pad that is being constructed . This contribution will keep the participation costs for residents at the lower rate the city residents pay. Trustee Nurenberg asked Neil to verify if Danby residents were paying more for participation in these activities. There have been several residents that have reported paying an increased rate.

Motion by D Platte                      Seconded by Nurenberg

Approval of Contribution to City of Portland Parks and Rec Department in the amount of \$6000

**IMSAFE CAC Contribution-** Kyle Butler and Lori Kirkhoff were present to answer questions regarding the use of funds when a contribution is made. IMSAFE CAC offers services to both Ionia and Montcalm county residents. It offers beginning to end services for children, under the age 18, who are victims of sexual abuse, trafficking, or severe physical abuse. IMSAFE provides beginning to end services to the victim, siblings, and parents within the walls of one building. This reduces the stress to both the victim and families and supports the police agencies and DHS staff working on case. In 2021, the organization has added a preventative coordinator to the team, this person will provide free services to the schools to build awareness. They have completed 1667 interviews since being established in 2015.

Motion by Hoppes                      Seconded by Nurenberg

Approval of Contribution to IMSAFE CAC in the amount of \$3500

**DNR Wildlife Division Interested in Land Purchase –** Supervisor Platte presented a request from DNR to purchase 65.5 acres from Rice family in Danby Township. Funds to purchase will be acquired through MNRTF Grant and DNR will know in December if the grant funds are approved.

Motion by Hoppes                      Seconded by Platte

Approval to submit paperwork to approve the acquisition of land by the DNR

**Commission & Committee Reports:**

Road Issues- Gravel and brining are scheduled to start next week and limestone the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August. Supervisor Platte will reach out to county to determine which roads will be ditched next and will also get additional information regarding cost to Limestone Sanborn Rd.

Planning Commission Update- The next planning commission meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2021.

**Officer Reports:**

**Fire Runs** - 3 Fire runs in June for a total of 11 in the 2021 year.

**Bills-** Supervisor Platte presented the bills

Motioned by Platte                      Seconded by Schafer

Pay the bills as presented.

**Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Hoppes presented the Treasurer's report with a balance of  
\$712,540.60

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**Cemetery Business:**

The cemetery sexton reported one cremation for the month of June. Regular maintenance of Cemetery grounds.

**Announcements:**

\*Reminder that next regular meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2021.

**Public Comment:**

Bill Brown was present to let the board know that ditching and finish work has not been completed on Tupperlake Rd. He also expressed concern about the condition of Welfare Rd. Welfare Rd is narrow, grown up and has extremely limited visibility on the S curve. Additionally, areas on the S Curve are washed out. Bill has witnessed School buses using this road during the school year. He would like the board to be aware that the road is not safe unless it is in better condition and possibly wider, especially if it is to be part of the school bus route.

Supervisor Platte thanked the City of Portland and IM SAFE for joining the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Nurenberg                      Seconded by D Platte

Adjourned at 8:11PM