Danby Township Regular Meeting December 13, 2018

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Danby Township Hall, 13122 Charlotte Hwy.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Roll Call Board Members</u>: Supervisor Platte, Trustee Schafer, Trustee Nurenberg, Treasurer Kolarik, Clerk Platte

Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting November 29, 2018

Motion by Kolarik

Seconded by Nurenberg

CARRIED

Motion to approve minutes as presented.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by D. Platte

Seconded by Schafer

CARRIED

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Communications:

Motion by D. Platte

Seconded by K. Platte

CARRIED

Motion to place communications on file.

Public Comment: Heather Hoffman discussed her Assessor's Report.

Unfinished Business:

Recreational Marijuana – Mike Homier from Foster, Swift, Collins and Smith, the Attorney for Danby Township will be at the January 2019 to discuss recreational marijuana.

New Business:

Danby Township Resolution for 2019 Poverty Exemption -

DANBY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Supervisor and Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the <u>public</u> charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7U); AND

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the Township of Danby, Ionia County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all of the following on an annual basis:

- Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the supervisor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed the current guidelines. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.
- 4) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
- Produce, if requested, a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 6) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide requirements less than the federal guidelines.
- 7) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The following are the federal poverty income guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

$\mathcal{P}^{\text{v/s}}$ Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2019 Assessments

Number of Persons Residing	Poverty Guidelines
In the Principal Residence	Annual allowable income
1 person	\$12,140
2 persons	\$16,460
3 persons	\$20,780
4 persons	\$25,100
5 persons	\$29,420
6 persons	\$33,740
7 persons	\$38,060
8 persons	\$42,380
Each additional person add	\$4,320

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED the supervisor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the supervisor and Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by Member/Township Board Memberand supported by Member/Township Board Member
Jpon roll call vote, the following voted: 'Aye": Kolarik, K. Platt, Schife, D. Platt, Newsob-ra
'Nay": MOMY
The Township Clerk declared the resolution December 13,2018,

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S/S/D Budget Hearing - The Budget Hearing for the Sunfield/Sebewa/Danby Fire District will be held February 4, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Commission & Committee Reports:

Road Issues- The roads are in good shape. Supervisor Platte hasn't received any complaints on the roads.

Planning Commission Update-The Planning Commission's next meeting is January 16, 2019 and it's a public hearing.

Officer Reports:

Fire Runs- Clerk Platte reported 0 fire runs for November, the total number of fire runs of 10 for the year.

Bills- The bills were presented by Clerk Platte.

Motion by K. Platte

Seconded by D. Platte

CARRIED

Pay bills as presented.

Motion by K. Platte

Seconded by Kolarik

CARRIED

Allow the Clerk and Treasurer to pay the Portland Township recycling bill when it arrives.

Motion by K. Platte

Seconded by Kolarik

CARRIED

Reimburse Clerk Platte for the W-2 supplies after they are purchased.

Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Kolarik presented the account balances with a total of \$595,144.84.

<u>Cemetery Business</u> – Ron McDaniel will be resigning as cemetery sexton. He will work until the end of February 2019.

Motion by K. Platte

Seconded by Schafer

CARRIED

Allow Lynn Martin to sell back the cemetery lots to Danby Township for the cost of the purchased lots (\$400.00).

<u>Public Comment:</u> In 2019 the MTA conference will be held April 1st through the 4th at the Devos Place in Grand Rapids. Heather Hoffman will send information on the Board of Review trainings that are provided by the State of Michigan.

Announcements: The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

<u>Adjournment</u>: Supervisor Platte adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Kristina K. Platte Danby Township Clerk