

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.

**Roll Call Board Members:** 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 public 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:

- 1) 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.
- 5) 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.

2018 Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2019 Assessments

<u>Number of Persons Residing In the Principal Residence</u>	<u>Poverty Guidelines Annual allowable income</u>
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 Member Kolarik and supported by Member/Township Board Member J. Platte.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

"Aye": Kolarik, K. Platte, Schefu, D. Platte, Neussberg

"Nay": NONE

The Township Clerk declared the resolution December 13, 2018.

Kristina Platte  
Kristina Platte, Clerk date

**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.

