

Danby Township Regular Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2022

The meeting was held at The Danby Township Hall 13122 Charlotte Hwy., Sunfield, Michigan and was opened with the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call Board Members Present: Supervisor Platte, Trustee Schafer, Trustee Nurenberg, Treasurer Hoppes, Clerk Platte

Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting December 16, 2021:

Motion by D. Platte Seconded by Nurenberg CARRIED
 Approve minutes of December 16, 2021, regular meeting as presented.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Communications:

Motion by K. Platte Seconded by Hoppes CARRIED
 Place communications on file.

Public Comment: Ionia County Sheriff's Deputy Joshua Vroon introduced himself to the board. Jeanne Vandersloot presented her Zoning Administrator Report. Heather Hoffman presented her Assessor's Report. Gary Hotchkin presented the 2022/2023 Sunfield/Sebewa/Danby Fire budget information.

Unfinished Business:

Township Hall Parking Lot Sample Bid Request – Supervisor Platte is working on this.
ICRC Contract Re: Pearlbar – Supervisor Platte received the contracts from ICRC and forwarded the contracts on to Danby Township's attorney Michael Homier for review.
Clerk's Quarterly Report Update – Clerk Platte will present these reports at the February budget workshop meeting.

New Business:

Superior Asphalt Request Pertaining to the Emery Road Mine – Superior Asphalt requested to store stone, crush concrete and asphalt 1 time per year for a week or two. This would be hidden, and the noise level would remain the same as it is currently.

Motion by D. Platte Seconded by Hoppes CARRIED
 Approve Superior Asphalt's request to store and crush concrete and asphalt per the site plan dated 1/14/22.

Eligibility for Status as a Charter Township – Danby Township was notified it qualifies for status as a charter township. In the past the township has qualified to be a charter township, but no action was taken, nothing will be done at this time to change the township to a charter township.

Poverty Exemption – No action was taken on this.

Budget Workshop Proposed Date – Thursday February 24, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. – Supervisor Platte proposed Thursday February 24, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. for the budget workshop.

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Motion by Nurenberg Seconded by Schafer CARRIED

Set the date of the budget workshop for Thursday February 24, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Covid Relief Funds – Fiber Optics from Tri-County – Clerk Platte stated the first check was received for the Covid Relief Funds in the amount of \$159,410.00. She is currently working with Barry Gaudette the Township Auditor on the reports for this funding. Supervisor Platte discussed the possibility that this money would be eligible to be spent on things such as fiber optics to all of Danby Township, and asked Tri-County to present this information to the board at an upcoming meeting.

Zoning Administrator Contract 2022/2023 –

Motion by K. Platte Seconded by Schafer CARRIED

Approve the 2022/2023 Zoning Administrator Contract for Jeanne Vandersloot which included a 3% increase.

Commission and Committee Reports:

Road Issues – The trees on Welfare Road are being trimmed and there is a possibility of the road being widened. ICRC should have the Gradall Agreement and Gravel Agreement sent to the township soon.

Planning Commission Update – The Planning Commission met in January and the next meeting will be in March.

Officer Reports:

Fire Runs - 5 fire runs in December for a total of 25 for the 2021 year.

Bills – Clerk Platte presented the November 2021 and January 27, 2022, disbursements.

Motion by K. Platte Seconded by Hoppes CARRIED

Approve the November 18, 2021, disbursements post audit.

Motion by K. Platte Seconded by Schafer CARRIED

Approve the bills for the January 27, 2022, disbursements as presented with the additions of Dan Platte in the amount of \$262.50, PAMA in the amount of \$120.30, Heather Hoffman (Postmaster) for one roll of forever stamps in the amount of \$58.00. Clerk Platte also asked for permission to pay the Horizon Community Planning when the bill arrives.

Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Hoppes presented the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$652,893.58.

Cemetery Business: The cemetery sexton reported he will need concrete for foundations for springtime.

Announcements: Next regular meeting scheduled for February 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment – Supervisor Platte presented an update on PAMA, about the possibility of restructuring the current PAMA Agreement. Trustee Nurenberg gave an update on the cost and contract with the City of Portland for Ambulance service. He stated the cost will be increasing from \$38,844.00 per year to \$59,060.00 per year.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 9:02 p.m.

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Kristina Platte
Danby Township Clerk