

DANBY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING-OCTOBER 22, 2009

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Danby Township Hall, 13122 Charlotte Highway. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call Board members present: Supervisor Pohl, Trustee McCormack, Treasurer Kolarik, Clerk Platte.

Roll Call Board members absent: Trustee Reisbig

Minutes-regular meeting September 24, 2009 – In the sixth sentence under Township Fee Schedule (mining operation inspections) the sentence should read: Kolarik noted that she is unsure as to who is to track the escrow account. Also in the fifth sentence under Public Comment the sentence should read: Kolarik also stated that revenue sharing is being cut and Clerk Platte is still attempting to get reimbursement from the State for the interest they improperly charged on our State withholding taxes.

MOTION by Kolarik Seconded by Platte CARRIED
 Approve the regular meeting minutes from September 24, 2009 as amended.

Agenda-

MOTION by Platte Seconded by Kolarik CARRIED
 Approve the agenda as presented.

Communications-

MOTION by Kolarik Seconded by Platte CARRIED
 Place communications on file.

Public Comment- Mike Callton introduced himself as the candidate running for the vacated seat that Brian Calley will be leaving open as State Representative.

Unfinished Business:

Website Update – The Township Board discussed the new website information and updates. The things that were discussed were: what Danby Township’s population is and where it is located in Ionia County and Supervisor Pohl will check on the fire district phone numbers to make sure they are accurate for placement on the website. Clerk Platte discussed that she wanted to meet Lonnie Finch on Monday October 26th to publish some of the new website information.

MOTION by Kolarik Seconded by Pohl CARRIED
 Allow Clerk Platte to meet with Lonnie Finch and publish new website on Monday October 26th.

Township History – This item was briefly discussed and will be presented at a future meeting.

Five Year Plan Discussion – Supervisor Pohl spoke of different issues that the township needs to think about for a five year plan. Mr. Pohl suggested continuing the use of limestone on gravel roads. Supervisor Pohl also stated he would like to see a playground built on the township property with a possible picnic area. Other issues that were brought

up were a new sign for the township hall, the creation of a logo for Danby Township and the maintenance of the pillars around the cemetery.

New Business:

Clerk's Quarterly Report – Clerk Platte presented the September 2009 quarterly report.

Wind Energy Ordinance – At their public hearing on September 16, 2009 the Planning Commission recommended this ordinance be passed onto the Township Board for adoption. The Township Board was concerned on some of the language in the amendment to this ordinance.

MOTION by Kolarik Seconded by Pohl CARRIED

Postpone the amendment to the Wind Energy Ordinance until the November 2009 regular meeting.

Commission & Committee Reports:

Road Issues – Supervisor Pohl talked to the Ionia County Road Commission about coming up with ideas for limestone on the gravel roads. Treasurer Kolarik discussed the possibility and high cost of paving some of the gravel roads.

Planning Commission Update - The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on November 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Officer Reports:

Fire Runs – Clerk Platte reported there were 0 fire runs in September 2009 and 4 so far in 2009.

Bills – Clerk Platte presented the bills.

MOTION by Platte Seconded by Kolarik CARRIED

Pay the bills as presented by Clerk Platte.

Monthly Financial Reports – Treasurer Kolarik gave the treasurer's report with an account balance of \$618,082.44.

Cemetery Business- The cemetery sexton Russ Odom stated he would like to cut down the dead ash trees in the cemetery. He would grind down the stumps and suggested that all the dead trees be replaced. Mr. Odom also spoke of the township charges for cremation burials. The Township Board will discuss this issue during their budget preparation.

Announcements-The next regular scheduled meeting is November 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment- Mike Callton spoke of The Nashville Cemetery policies.

Adjournment-Supervisor Pohl adjourned the meeting at 9:05 P.M.

Kristina K. Platte
Danby Township Clerk