

Diane Ratkovich
Supervisor
Michelle Stamboulellis
Clerk
Maris Metz
Treasurer
James Drolett,
Karen Nolte,
Laura Sanders,
Karen Sikkenga,
Trustees

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Special Meeting of the Dexter Township Board Thursday, April 15, 2021 6:00 PM

Location: *In accordance with the provision of the amended Open Meetings Act, the meeting was a “virtual” meeting held over Zoom videoconferencing and was properly noticed and open to the public via computer or phone.*

CALL to ORDER: Supervisor Ratkovich called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM, and conducted roll call of the Board of Trustees.

ROLL CALL: Present – Ratkovich, Stamboulellis, Metz, Sanders, Nolte, Drolett, and Sikkenga.

Absent – None.

Also present: David Rohr, Director of Zoning and Planning, and Janis Miller, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE: Omitted due to teleconferencing.

SUPERVISOR’S REMARK/CONFLICT OF INTERERST: No conflicts of interest.

1st CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Opened 6:04PM. No public comments. Closed 6:04 PM

APPROVAL of the AGENDA:

Supervisor Ratkovich added under #6 New Business, a Resolution to adjust the Capital Improvement line item.

Motion by Sikkenga to approve the agenda as amended. Motion second by Nolte.

Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES:

Moton by Drolett to approve the Public Hearing minutes as presented. Motion second by Sanders. **Motion carried 7-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. FY 2021/2022 Budget Clerical Error Corrections

Supervisor Ratkovich presented budget line items that required amendments.

Motion by Drolett to approve Resolution #21-605, a resolution to amend the Dexter Township Fiscal Year 2021/2022 General Fund Budget [line items] as presented. Motion second by Nolte.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Nolte, Sikkenga, Drolett, Sanders, Metz, Stamboulellis Ratkovich;
Nays – None; Absent – None. **Motion carried 7-0.**

B. FY 2021/2022 Capital Improvement Fund adjustment

Discussion: Website up and running is priority. Mailing to residents, with July taxes, seeking email addresses, phone numbers, and their access status to broadband. Treasurer would like emails for contact when there is a problem with taxes. Broadband/internet is a hot topic as there are many homes with children that cannot access internet for schooling.

Motion by Nolte to approve Resolution #21-606, a resolution to amend the Dexter Township Fiscal Year 2021/2022 General Fund Budget with projected expenditures of \$300,000, for Community Initiative [Capital Improvement/Infrastructure] line item 101 901 971 000], from the fund balance line item 101 000 699 001. Motion second by Sanders.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Stamboulellis, Metz, Sanders, Nolte, Sikkenga, Ratkovich;
Nays – Drolett; Absent – None. **Motion carried 7-1.**

Drolett explained his no vote: We don't have a plan, we don't have a committee, we don't have input yet from the public, so we have no idea yet how much money we are going to spend. To put money into a budget without any inkling as to what we're going to spend it on is imprudent.

C. Wages and Salaries Resolution

Motion by Drolett to approve Resolution #21-600, a resolution to set the salaries, hourly wages, mileage reimbursement and other compensation for Township employees who are paid by salary, at an hourly rate and/or per-diem rate. Motion second by Sanders.

Discussion: Hourly wages based on merit. Need for a competitive wage analysis. Need to understand the historic underpayment of staff. Development of a Wage and Salary Policy.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Drolett, Ratkovich; Nays – Nolte, Sanders, Metz, Stamboulellis, Sikkenga; Absent – Sikkenga. **Motion failed 2-5.**

Motion by Sikkenga to approve Resolution #21-600A, a resolution to set the salaries, hourly wages, mileage reimbursement and other compensation for [Dexter] Township employees who are paid by salary, at an hourly rate and/or per-diem rate, with the effective date of April 1, 2021. Motion second by Nolte.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Nolte, Sikkenga, Metz, Stamboulellis, Sanders, Ratkovich;
Nays – Drolett; Absent – None. **Motion carried 6-1.**

D. Elected Officials Compensation Resolutions

- i. Clerk:
Motion by Drolett to approve Resolution #21-601, a resolution to establish the salary of [Dexter] Township Clerk. Motion second by Sanders.
Roll Call Vote: Yea – Sikkenga, Stamboulellis, Metz, Drolett, Nolte, Sanders, Ratkovich; Nays – None; Absent – None. **Motion carried 7-0.**
- ii. Supervisor:
Motion by Metz to approve Resolution #21-602, a resolution to establish the salary of [Dexter] Township Treasurer. Motion second by Nolte.
Roll Call Vote: Yea – Nolte, Drolett, Sanders, Metz, Stamboulellis, Sikkenga, Ratkovich; Nays – None; Absent – None. **Motion carried 7-0.**
- iii. Treasurer:
Motion by Drolett to approve Resolution #21-603, a resolution to establish the salary of [Dexter] Township Supervisor. Motion second by Stamboulellis.
Roll Call Vote: Yea – Sanders, Drolett, Nolte, Sikkenga, Stamboulellis, Metz, Ratkovich; Nays – None; Absent – None. **Motion carried 7-0.**
- iv. Trustees:
Motion by Drolett to approve Resolution #21-604, a resolution to establish the salary of [Dexter] Township Trustees. Motion second by Sanders.
Roll Call Vote: Yea – Stamboulellis, Metz, Drolett, Nolte, Sanders, Sikkenga, Ratkovich; Nays – None; Absent – None. **Motion carried 7-0.**

2nd CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Opened 7:50 PM. No public comments. Closed 7:50 PM.

OTHER ISSUES, COMMENTS and CONCERNS of BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF:

Treasurer Metz stated that she appreciated everyone working through the wages and salaries and that Supervisor Ratkovich conducted a great meeting tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nolte to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Drolett. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 10:51 PM.

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MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, CLERK, DEXTER TOWNSHIP

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, THE DULY QUALIFIED CLERK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DEXTER, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FORGOING IS A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS TAKEN BY THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT A REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH DAY OF APRIL 2021 AND THAT THE FORGOING MINUTES ARE THE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL 15, 2021.

