

Lonnie Scott
Supervisor
Michelle Stamboulellis
Clerk
Bradley Metz
Treasurer,
Alicia Abbott
Karen Nolte,
Laura Sanders,
Karen Sikkenga,
Trustees

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY JANUARY 20, 2026 6:00PM

Location: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI

CALL TO ORDER - The regular meeting of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:48 PM on January 20, 2026, by Supervisor Scott, immediately following the budget workshop.

OPTIONAL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL/CONFLICT OF INTEREST CHECK - Present: Trustee Nolte (no conflict), Trustee Abbott (no conflict), Treasurer Metz (no conflict), Clerk Stamboulellis (no conflict), Trustee Sanders (no conflict), and Supervisor Scott (no conflict). Trustee Sikkenga was absent with prior notice.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Supervisor Scott noted a request to remove Consent Agenda item A (Approval of Appointments to Boards and Committees) from the consent agenda and move it to Action Items as item D.

- Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Trustee Nolte, seconded by Trustee Abbott. The motion carried unanimously.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comments were offered during the first call.

CONSENT AGENDA - The consent agenda included:

1. Supervisor to Approve FOSP Requests for Expenditure for Appraisal
 2. Approval for Purchase of Clerk Minutes Software
- Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended was made by Trustee Nolte, seconded by Trustee Sanders. The motion carried unanimously.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION UNDER MCL 15.268(1)(D)

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- Motion to enter closed session under MCL 15.268(1)(D) to discuss the purchase of property was made by Treasurer Metz, seconded by Trustee Sanders. The motion carried by roll call vote: Trustee Sanders (aye), Clerk Stamboulellis (aye), Treasurer Metz (ayes), Trustee Abbott (aye), Trustee Nolte (aye), and Supervisor Scott (aye).

The Board entered closed session.

- Motion to exit closed session was made by Trustee Sanders, seconded by Clerk Stamboulellis. The motion carried by roll call vote: Trustee Sanders (yes), Clerk Stamboulellis (yes), Treasurer Metz (yes), Trustee Abbott (yes), Trustee Nolte (yes), and Supervisor Scott (yes).

ACTION ITEMS

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

- Motion to authorize the township to spend up to \$33,000 for the purchase of property as discussed in closed session contingent upon final language from the township attorneys was made by Clerk Stamboulellis, seconded by Trustee Abbott. The motion carried by roll call vote: Trustee Nolte (aye), Trustee Abbott (aye), Treasurer Metz (aye), Clerk Stamboulellis (aye), Trustee Sanders (aye), and Supervisor Scott (aye).

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS - The Board reviewed the Check Disbursement and Revenue and Expenditure Report.

- Motion to accept the financial transactions was made by Trustee Nolte, seconded by Treasurer Metz. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #25-694 ON RFP PREFERENCES - Supervisor Scott explained that this resolution contained the correct version with changes requested by the Board during previous discussions. The changes included removing the MIT study reference at Trustee Sikkenga's request and providing more flexibility in the application process. The resolution requires that if the supervisor decides not to use the criteria on an RFP, they must come before the board before those RFPs are accepted.

Trustee Nolte expressed concern about potential conflicts of interest in the bid process, suggesting that the township should have clauses addressing hiring family or friends of staff. She emphasized that this wasn't directed at any individual but was about maintaining clean lines of operation and good business practices.

Clerk Stamboulellis countered that local businesses often have friends and family connections in the community who contribute to the township and their community. She also noted that both previous lawn care contractors had used pesticides against the Board's environmental stance.

Trustee Abbott commented that, when it comes to hiring contractors, living in a small community it is likely we will have connections to who is hired, if we choose to hire local.

Supervisor Scott redirected the discussion back to the resolution, noting that conflict of interest policies already exists and that these concerns could be addressed separately from the competitive bid process outlined in the resolution.

- Motion to approve Resolution #25-694 on RFP preferences was made by Trustee Sanders, seconded by Treasurer Metz. The motion passed by roll call vote: Trustee Sanders (aye), Clerk Stamboullis (aye), Treasurer Metz (aye), Trustee Abbott (aye), Trustee Nolte (nay), and Supervisor Scott (aye).

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES - The Board reviewed appointments to various boards and committees. Clarifications were made regarding the Planning Commission representative to the ZBA, noting that the Planning Commission selects this person at their January meeting and the Board confirms it at the February meeting. It was also noted that the Western Washington Regional Advisory Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Wave offices, not the first Thursday.

The Board determined that the Wave appointment should be removed entirely as the township doesn't appoint a person to the Wave; rather, Wave invites representatives. Trustee Abbott expressed concern that despite providing \$20,000 to Wave, Dexter Township has no representation on their board.

- Motion to approve the board and committee appointments as amended was made by Trustee Abbott, seconded by Trustee Nolte. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MASTER PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE COMPENSATION - Trustee Abbott presented information about the Master Plan Review Committee, including its membership: Chandra Hurd and Dan Barry from the Planning Commission, Trustee Abbott as the trustee representative, and Joseph Spiegel and Linda Salbert as township residents. The committee has scheduled meetings for March 18, April 8, June 17, September 16, and December 16.

Trustee Abbott explained that the committee is requesting compensation for members and appointment of a recording secretary. She noted the committee would review outstanding questions around the master plan and address unforeseen issues like data centers that weren't considered when the master plan was created.

Board members expressed support for the committee and for compensating members for their work. This item will be returned as an action item at the next meeting to be included in the budget before passage.

TOWNSHIP PHOTO CONTEST - Supervisor Scott discussed a proposal to hold a township photo contest. Now that the remodel is complete, there is space for displaying photos. The plan would invite township residents to submit photos of Dexter Township, with winners having their photos enlarged, framed, and displayed in the township hall for about a year before receiving the prints as a reward.

Submissions would be digital, utilizing upcoming website technology updates. Trustee Nolte, described as the "resident art expert," expressed concern that the originally proposed \$500 budget would be insufficient for proper framing and matting. Supervisor Scott agreed to work with Trustee Nolte on revising the budget for the contest.

The photo contest will be returned as an action item for the next fiscal year budget.

Q&A: STAFF AND DEXTER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS - No staff reports were highlighted during the meeting.

DATA & PERFORMANCE METRICS - Fire Department activity reports were provided as supplemental material. The Sheriff's Department report has not yet been received and would be distributed once available.

SECOND CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comments were offered during the second call.

OTHER ISSUES, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF - Trustee Sanders reported on a successful community conversation held the previous Thursday regarding public health effects of immigration and enforcement, with approximately 43 people attending. She also noted good turnout for the trash conversation on Saturday morning and reminded the board of another trash conversation scheduled for Thursday at 6:00 PM.

Supervisor Scott expressed enthusiasm about the strong community engagement demonstrated by the well-attended events.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Scott at 8:33p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Stambouellis, 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 OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY AND THAT THE FORGOING MINUTES ARE THE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH, DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, CLERK, DEXTER TOWNSHIP

