

**DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**THE TOWNSHIP HALL**  
**OCTOBER 4, 2023 AT 7:00 PM**

Call to order- 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call- Laper, Huff, Bunting, Tester, Shick

Approval of Minutes- September 6, 2023 - Motion Tester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bunting. Approved 5-0

September 21, 2023 - Motion Bunting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shick. Approved 5-0

Approval of Agenda- Motion Tester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laper. Approved 5-0

Public Comments- Extra Agendas

Is the speaker with the Right Place and Montcalm Economic Alliance

Speaker- Jakob Bigard from the Right Place and Montcalm Economic Alliance. Pillars-People. Place and Prosperity. Business retention. Industry, agriculture, and technology. MiPitch Competition entrepreneurial competition. Developer Day- focus on m46 and 131 corridors for development. 5 objectives- improve collaboration, improve intrastation for economic development, connect industry, real estate, and civic leader, increase access to affordable housing, continue funding sources for MEA.

Questions- concerns about Right Place pushing Gotion Battery Plant, funding concerns from Apex, DTE and Consumer Energy. Concerns about industrializing our area. Concerns about local input. There are Grants available for public places. Hiring issues. Housing options. County appointments to Planning Commission.

Reports- Treasurer- income \$41,229.89 expenses \$31,055.74. Motion Tester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bunting.

Approved 5-0

Clerk- expenses- 37,971.78 including changes for 2 new ZBA member and HomeWorks

Auto pay bills. Motion Laper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tester. Approved 5-0

Tester- PC worked on zoning ordinance change for Clifford Lake. Talked about list to

Assist in building. Change needs to be made- on lake, front of the house is facing the lake, but the ordinance it is not written correctly.

Bunting- Furnace and Generator quotes. Generator \$22,000 -\$25,000 due to 3 phase building.

Furnace replacement- 2 heating systems in building. \$18,583.00 for meeting room. \$10,500.00 for the rest of the building. Waiting for Browns Heating. No fire meeting.

Kelsey- Zoning- 5 permits requested. May want to look at pole barns on vacant property.

Cindy- Inform Clerk of extra meeting you attended so prompt payment. Ordinance into word

Processing. Day fire service agreement signed and payment \$20,945.90 which includes credit of \$632.06. Motion Shick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laper. Roll call Tester-y, Huff-y, Bunting-y, Shick-y, Laper -y. Approved 5-0

ARPA- Computers arrived- waiting for installment. WIFI test for strength.

Table prices- \$89.95 for 8 foot \$69 for 6-foot tables from SAMS Club. Order 10- 8-foot, 4-6 foot, for a total of \$1150.00 +-10%. Motion Bunting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shick. Roll call- Tester-y, Bunting-y, Huff-y, Laper-y, Shick-y. Approved 5-0.

Bunting -When will make decision of furnaces? Attempt to have another quote and then decide next month. Will need duct cleaning also.

Generator- Wait for one more quote and then decide next month.

Parking lot repaved- get quotes for repairs or replace. Software for Assessor and Treasurer- \$9000.00. Can use ARPA money. Not sure of yearly fee, Laper with check on cost but would like to wait till March of next year after Tax season.

Funds from ARPA must be allocated by 2024. Possible use at the end for Road repair or fire truck share for Day Township Fire Department.

Budget-Still in the black, will get better idea of balances with Laper.

Township- power and duties- Send our Resolution 2023- to our State Representatives. Motion Tester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Huff. Roll call Huff-y, Tester-y, Laper-y, Bunting-y, Shick-y. Approved 5-0

Next meeting- November 1, 2023 7:00 pm at Douglass Township Hall

Amy-Assessor property split fee has always been \$25.00. Lately the charge has been \$20. Not sure what happen but it is on Assessors page.

Spring clean up day schedule with Granger. April 27, 2024. or April 20, 2024. Will put in newsletter.

Public comment- please use mics. Some in attendance cannot hear the board members.

Might want to raise Zoning permits prices. We are one of the lowest in the area.

ZBA workshop discussed supplying Zoning Administrator a Tablet. Possible split price with other township he works for.

Corner of 522 and Hillman. Commercial property rezone, turn lane needed.

Ordinance progress. Short term rentals need addressed. Lack of enforcement.

Concerned about having to sign a complaint. Retaliation.

Adjournment- Motion Tester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Huff. Approved 5-0 8:30pm