

MINUTES
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 21, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Tim Murphy

Present	Tim Murphy	Supervisor
Present	Walter Nelson	Clerk
Present	Lynne Wyatt	Treasurer
Present	Randy Martin	Trustee
Present	Alan Johns	Trustee

Seventeen others were also present.

Agenda additions: Cemetery Signs, Risa Scully, Credit Cards, Noise Ordinance, Updating Calender.

Motioned to approve Amended Agenda by Alan Johns seconded by Lynne Wyatt, motion carried.

Motioned by, Lynne Wyatt seconded by Randy Martin to approve the minutes of April 16, 2012 Regular Meeting and May 7, 2012 Special Meeting, motion carried.

Treasurers Report was given by Lynne Wyatt, filed for audit. Trustee Alan Johns requested that money for equipment replacement be listed as a separate item from the fire department operating budget.

Fire Department Report was given by Assistant Chief Mark Nerbonne: The fire department budget needs to be corrected, \$108,886.00 was placed on line 886 (Interest and Dividends) should be on line 662 (Special Assessment Operating), motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Lynne Wyatt to make the correction, motion carried. Motioned by Lynne Wyatt seconded by Alan Johns to apply for a DNR Grant for six new radios and two new foam packs, if approved the township's share would be \$2,175.00 for the radios and \$894.94 for the foam packs, motion carried. The fire department would like to pay off the lease/loan on the second water tender. This is postponed until equipment replacement funds are separated from the budget. All the paperwork has been filed to collect liabilities from Great Lakes Apparatus for defective service on Truck 810.

Planning Commission Report: By Alan Johns: The planning commission is still reviewing the zoning ordinance. The planning commission is still waiting on attorney's opinion on sign ordinance. Options are being discussed for a parking ordinance.

JCCA Report by Lynne Wyatt: No action items this month

Motion by Lynne Wyatt, Seconded by Walter Nelson to pay the General Fund Vendor Bills (\$21,591.22), General Fund Payroll (\$5,674.10) Fire Department Vendor Bills (\$3,432.88) and Fire Department Payroll (\$741.73), roll call vote 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: There were several questions and comments concerning safety and the sign ordinance, legal issues with an ordinance, pump installation costs re: suite with Great Lakes Apparatus.

Unfinished Business:

Discussed traffic fines for libraries, postponed, the clerk will contact the Sherman Township Library Board again.

Hall and Grounds discussion, Alan Johns stated that plans for an addition could be obtained for \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00.

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Supervisor Murphy stated that Joe Worgess, Ken Hubble, Larry Anderson and Charley Purtill, and a fire department member will serve on the building committee.

New Business:

Risa Scully announced she is running for Isabella County Prosecuting Attorney.

The board discussed displeasure with credit card fees, motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to cancel the credit card, 4 ayes, Lynne Wyatt voted nay, motion carried, amendment to include the fire department's credit card by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson 4 ayes Lynne Wyatt voted nay, motion carried.

Appointed officials postponed until June Meeting.

Motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Randy Martin to approve \$560.00 for tax assessing software upgrade, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

Randy Martin stated that scheduled events were not always getting on the calendar and/or the scheduling book. Supervisor Murphy will discuss better methods of scheduling with office manager.

Public Comments:

Several residents complained about a noise problem next to the Mineral Springs Subdivision.

Karen Jackson announced she is running for Register of Deeds.

Mindy Lux announced she is running for County Clerk.

Motion by, Alan Johns seconded by Randy Martin to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Walter Nelson

Deerfield Township Clerk