

MINUTES
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2013

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

Present	Tim Murphy	Supervisor
Present	Walter Nelson	Clerk
Present	Connie Lynch	Treasurer
Present	Randy Martin	Trustee
Present	Alan Johns	Trustee

Nine others were also present.

Agenda additions: Closed session, MTA Convention, Ken Lind Insurance, Cemeteries.

Motioned to approve Agenda as amended by Alan Johns seconded by Connie Lynch, motion carried.

Motioned by Randy Martin, seconded by Alan Johns to approve the minutes of September 16, 2013 Regular Meeting and October 14, 2013 Special Meeting, with a spelling correction and addition of a possible home occupation violation (selling golf carts from residence) discussion to the September 16, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes, motion carried.

Treasurers Report was given by Connie Lynch, Filed for audit.

Fire Department Report was given by Assistant Chief Mark Nerbonne. The new grass rig is in service. and the department is working on specifications to re-equip the old grass rig.

Planning Commission Report: By Connie Lynch. They have not met since the last township board meeting.

JCCA Report by Randy Martin: The JCCA Board expressed appreciation for the six month's rent waiver. They had one complaint that was a no show.

Motion by Randy Martin, Seconded by Connie Lynch to pay the General Fund Vendor Bills (\$208,052.14), General Fund Payroll Bills (\$4,506.68), Fire Department Vendor Bills (\$7,767.33) and Fire Department Payroll Bills (\$6,162.75). Roll call vote 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. There is concern that bills for building addition be coded properly to insure they are charged to H&G Capital Outlay over \$5,000.00.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on hall and grounds addition: Alan Johns reported that Hobbs and Black met with JBS to discuss options re: crushed concrete instead of asphalt for new parking lot, style of lights, replacing old steel instead of painting, and overhead heaters for addition.

Discussion on parking lot sealcoat: D&D offered quote of \$1,100.00, action postponed until next summer.

Discussion on outside lighting problems: Alan Johns will contact Block Electric to get the lights on the building repaired and Tim Murphy will contact Consumers Energy to repair the one on the pole.

Discussion on Zoned Community Signs: Tim Murphy reported that M-Dot will place the signs on M-20 free of charge. Motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to request the Isabella County Road Commission place two signs on Winn Road two signs on River Road and two signs on Pickard Road at a cost of \$1,050.96, roll call vote 5aye 0 nay, motion carried.

New Business

Discussion on certificates of deposit maturing: Motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Randy Martin to grant authority to the township treasurer to re-invest into the Money Market, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

Discussion on the new credit card: This card has a \$2,000.00 limit however purchases by the fire department over \$500.00 will require approval from the township supervisor.

Discussion on trucks hauling gravel from location on Meridian Road: Tim Murphy will discuss the problem with the road commission manager.

Discussion on the MTA Convention: Tim Murphy, Connie Lynch, and Randy Martin expressed interest in attending.

Ken Lind from EMC Insurance addressed the board about insurance items his company could provide vs what we currently have with our provider.

Discussion of putting township cemeteries on line: Motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Randy Martin to approve up to \$1,000.00 to computerize cemetery records so they can be placed on line, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

Public Comments: Janet Rice asked if a decision has been made regarding to which library the township will allocate traffic fine revenues. As yet none have been allocated.

Doralee VanHorn asked how to locate the exact location of their cemetery lot. The cemetery sexton has a locater for that purpose.

County Commissioner John Haupt gave a report on county issues.

The board was in closed session from 8:10 pm until 8:26 pm to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion by Walter Nelson seconded by Alan Johns to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Walter Nelson

Deerfield Township Clerk