

MINUTES  
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 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

Seventeen others were also present.

Agenda additions: Steve Johnson Zoning Request and Hall Telephone.

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

Motioned by Alan Johns, seconded by Randy Martin to approve the November 18, 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 department needs to replace the SCBA Air Tanks. They are looking at steel tanks costing \$800.00 to \$900.00 each but can be used until they fail testing. They need a total of 28. The Annual Winter meeting between the fire department and the township board is set for January 11, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Planning Commission Report: By Connie Lynch. There is one position to be filled on the planning commission as well as two alternate positions for the ZBA. The board will advertise those positions. Walter Nelson reported from the last ZBA Meeting, the township attorney informed the ZBA Board the only legal way for Otter Bob's to move their sporting goods business to an agricultural zoned area would be for the zoning ordinance to be amended to expand the list of special use permits.

JCCA Report by Randy Martin: The JCCA needs to replace the building inspector who is retiring; one person has applied so far. They also need the new flood plain map.

Motion by Walter Nelson, Seconded by Randy Martin to pay the General Fund Vendor Bills (\$31,562.08), General Fund Payroll Bills (\$4,129.06), Fire Department Vendor Bills (\$16,047.98) and Fire Department Payroll Bills (\$559.84). Roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** One resident asked about the golf cart zoning violation mentioned in the November Minutes.

**Unfinished Business:**

Meeting scheduled with Hobbs & Black and JBS for 11:00 am On December 17, 2013 to discuss underground tanks. Walter Nelson will also attend to discuss adding an office complex to plans.

There is nothing new on the computer program for cemeteries.

The county road commission is aware of the situation with gravel trucks on Meridian Road.

### New Business

Steve Johnson, owner of Otter Bob's presented reasons why his request for a special use permit to move his business to his property in an agricultural preserve zone. Mr. Johnson cited his lifetime residency (not just some new business coming into the township) and the fact the business is already located in the township. Mr. Johnson also stated the new location is less congested and would improve traffic safety for the business. The board advised Mr. Johnson to take his request back to the planning commission, if the planning commission recommends adding to the list of special use permits, the township board would then vote on the issue.

The board discussed problems with telephone service, Frontier vs Charter.

**Public Comments:** Several residents voiced support for allowing Steve Johnson to relocate his business to his property located in the agricultural zone. County Commissioner John Haupt updated the township of county issues.

Motion by Alan Johns seconded by Connie Lynch to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Walter Nelson

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Deerfield Township Clerk