

MINUTES  
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Walter Nelson

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

Trustee Randy Martin agreed to chair the meeting

Eight others were also present.

Agenda additions: Mowing Contract, Newspaper Article re: Union Township, Cemetery Signs.

Motioned to approve Amended Agenda by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson, motion carried.

Motioned by, Alan Johns seconded by Lynne Wyatt to approve the minutes of March 19, 2012 Regular Meeting, motion carried.

Treasurers Report was given by Lynne Wyatt, Filed for audit.

Fire Department Report was given by Assistant Chief Mark Nerbonne: Parts are becoming hard to get for foam packs. Motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Lynne Wyatt to approve \$864.97 to purchase new foam packs, roll call vote 4 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

Planning Commission Report: By Alan Johns: The planning commission is still reviewing the zoning ordinance. The planning commission is waiting on attorney's opinion on sign ordinance.

JCCA Report by Lynne Wyatt: No action items this month

Motion by Alan Johns, Seconded by Lynne Wyatt to pay the General Fund Vendor Bills (\$16,545.02), General Fund Payroll (\$7,566.78) Fire Department Vendor Bills (\$4,979.02) and Fire Department Payroll (\$571.90), roll call vote 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

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

Hall and Grounds special meeting scheduled for Monday May 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The board reviewed social media policy, motioned by Lynne Wyatt, seconded by Walter Nelson to approve the policy as presented and add it to the township policies and procedures, motion carried.

**New Business:**

Clerk Walter Nelson presented language to renew the one mill for purchasing equipment for fire protection.

**DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP  
PROPOSAL**

**Shall the Township of Deerfield renew the levy on all real and personal properties an amount not to exceed one (1) mill for a period not to exceed six (6) years to begin collecting in December 2012 for the purchasing of equipment for fire protection for Deerfield Township?**

**The estimated revenue for the first year of collection is One Hundred Eight Thousand Sixty eight Dollars (\$108,068.00).**

Motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to approve the ballot language, motion carried.

The board reviewed the 2012 schedule for the five year road plan. Motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Alan Johns to approve the plan with the first item (to cost share chip seal on Meridian Road) removed, motion carried

The board discussed displeasure with credit card fees (now being charged interest on average daily balance), the treasurer will check other banks for credit card offers.

The board reviewed the mowing contract for the hall grounds and the cemeteries. Motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Alan Johns to renew the contract at last year's rates, mowing hall grounds and both cemeteries (\$3,300.00) emptying the four barrels at Two Rivers Cemetery (\$40.00 each occurrence), and (\$15.00 per hour for extra labor for cleanup etc.), roll call vote 4 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

The board reviewed a quote from Fiorillo Woodwork to place new signs at both cemeteries. Motioned by Lynne Wyatt seconded by Alan Johns to approve \$2,075.00 for new cemetery signs, roll call vote 4 aye 0 nay, motion carried

Board members expressed displeasure with the text of a newspaper article regarding Union Township where they are asking for help to chip seal a mile of Meridian Road without sufficient dialog between the townships' boards.

**Public Comments:**

County Commissioner John Haupt reported on issues at the county level.

Kim Yates announced she is running for Isabella County Clerk.

Motion by, Walter Nelson seconded by Lynne Wyatt to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Walter Nelson

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Deerfield Township Clerk