

MINUTES  
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2016

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

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

Alan Johns agreed to chair the meeting.

Four others were also present.

Agenda additions: None

Motioned to approve Agenda by Randy Martin seconded by Connie Lynch, motion carried.

Motioned by Randy Martin, seconded by Connie Lynch to approve the minutes of July 18, 2016 Regular Meeting, motion carried.

Treasurers Report was presented by the Connie Lynch, Filed for audit.

Fire Department Report was given by Chief Ryan Martin.

Planning Commission Report: Connie Lynch reported that Tim Nieporte has completed the review of the new zoning ordinance. The enforcement and penalties section needs to be reviewed by the township attorney. Randy Martin commented on the wood cutting business on Winn Road, he stated under the Right to Farm Act a minimum percentage of a farm product has to be produced on the property where it is sold.

JCCA Report: By Randy Martin: Nothing new to report.

Motion by, Randy Walter Nelson Seconded by Randy Martin to pay the General Fund Bills (\$26,801.20), and the Fire Department Bills (\$11,077.38) Roll call vote, 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** Ryan Martin stated the minutes posted on the website are not up to date.

**Unfinished Business:**

Discussion for a township hall sign, Connie Lynch presented a quote for \$2,700.00 including \$1,000.00 for the base. Using decorative stone on the base was also discussed.

Discussion on cemetery improvements was postponed.

The board discussed the sign violation on M-20, Connie Lynch talked with Ben Burrows at M-DOT and he said the township and M-DOT both have authority.

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The board discussed the conditions of the hall parking lot. It is to be kept on the agenda for repaving next year.

**New Business:**

The board discussed creating a position of Supervisor of Elections to be over the Chairpersons, motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Connie Lynch to create the position and appoint Dianne Schumacher to the position with an hourly rate of \$13.00 per hour, roll call vote 4 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

The board discussed purchasing extra electronic poll books, motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Randy Martin to approve up to \$2,500.00 to purchase two electronic poll books, roll call vote 4 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Joe Kaszuba asked if anyone monitored the poll books. County Commissioner John Haupt reported on issues at the county level.

Motioned by Connie Lynch seconded by Randy Martin to adjourn, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Walter Nelson

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Deerfield Township Clerk