

MINUTES
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2017

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

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

Eight others were also present.

Agenda additions: Tri-County Franchise, Roads

Motioned to approve Agenda by Alan Johns seconded by Randy Martin, motion carried.

Motioned by Alan Johns, seconded by Randy Martin to approve the minutes of February 20, 2017 Regular Meeting and March 3, 2017 Budget Workshop, motion carried.

Treasurers Report was in the meeting packets. Filed for audit. Accounting error fleet auto insurance was coded for liability insurance.

Fire Department Report was given by Chief Ryan Martin. Chief Martin asked permission to pick up the new truck pending budget approval, motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to approve up to \$35,000.00 for the truck, roll call vote 4 aye 0 nay, motion carried. ISO will conduct a mini inspection April 10, 2017. Motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to approve the fire department applying for a 2% grant from SCIT to purchase new bottles for air packs, motion carried. The board discussed AED Units for the fire department and the township hall, motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to approve the three units plus a trainer not to exceed \$2,300.00, roll call vote 4 aye 0 nay, motion carried. Fire Department will have an open house in April or May.

Planning Commission Report: No Report this month.

JCCA Report: By Randy Martin: They are still looking for a plumbing inspector. They red tagged a party barn in Rolland Township.

Motion by, Randy Martin Seconded by Alan Johns to pay the General Fund vendor Bills (\$12,234.69), General Fund Payroll Bills (\$9,928.61) and the Fire Department Vendor Bills (\$8,187.37 Fire Department Payroll Bills (\$17,358.14) Roll call vote, 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Tri County Electric presented a request to renew their 30 year franchise, motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Randy Martin to renew the franchise, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on cemetery improvements was postponed.

Discussion on parking lot improvements was postponed.

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New Business:

The board discussed raising the fire fighter's wages. Motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Alan Johns to set pay for fire runs at \$30.00 for 0 to one hour, \$50.00 one to four hours, \$100.00 four to eight hours, \$150.00 for over eight hours, and meeting and training pay \$50.00 for 0 to four hours and \$100.00 for four to eight hours, roll call vote 4 aye 0 nay, motion carried. Bonus pay was also discussed and will be reconsidered in one year.

Discussion on the Common Angle Contract Renewal was postponed again.

The board asked the office manager to shop for a freezer for the hall kitchen and purchase same if approved by the township supervisor.

The brewery permit request was postponed.

The assessor has presented a contract renewal asking for an increase from \$12.00 per parcel to \$13.00 per parcel. The question was raised as to the possibility they have to be an employee. Motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to approve the contract on condition employee status does not apply, roll call vote 4 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

The board discussed the accountant's engagement letter, action was postponed because the board consensus is the letter should include a thirty or sixty day get out clause.

The board discussed road maintenance for this year, Walter Nelson will request contracts from the road commission.

Union Township is requesting Deerfield Township commit to participation in Meridian Road repairs (grind and pave from Bluegrass to Remus Road and replacing the bridge over the North Branch) Deerfield Township's share is \$45,022.00. Motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Alan Johns to commit the matching funds, roll call vote 4 aye 0 nay, motion carried. The project will begin in 2018.

Public Comments: Bruce Faber asked a question about Meridian Road North Branch Bridge.

Motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Randy Martin to adjourn, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Walter Nelson

Deerfield Township Clerk