

MINUTES
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2016

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

Six others were also present.

Agenda additions: Board of Review Appointments and Tax Account Software

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

Motioned by Alan Johns, seconded by Connie Lynch to approve the minutes of November 21, 2016 Regular Meeting with one correction (Requirement of a Signed Complaint to act on a Zoning Violation was discussed) and Minutes of Special Meeting of November 28 2016, motion carried.

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

Fire Department Report was given by Chief Ryan Martin. The board discussed selling the old rescue unit, motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to set reserve price at \$8,500.00, motion carried.

Planning Commission Report: By Connie Lynch, McQuestion's attorney presented a list of compromises for his special use permit request. Residents in Hiawatha Hills Subdivision complained of a zoning violation by a SCIT Member, this will need to be referred to Ed Howard.

JCCA Report: Randy Martin reported Wayne Coston is retiring March 1, 2016 and they need a replacement.

Motion by, Walter Nelson Seconded by Alan Johns to pay the General Fund vendor Bills (\$32,728.24), General Fund Payroll Bills (\$5,690.74)and the Fire Department Vendor Bills (\$16,828.32, Fire Department Payroll Bills (\$1,649.52) Roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Melissa Nelson stated she discovered the requirement for a written complaint to act on zoning violations was suggested by legal council to protect the township from frivolous lawsuits.

Unfinished Business:

The board discussed the sign for the township hall, Connie Lynch stated Graphic Designs needs a print of the township logo and they would also give us an estimate for the base.

Further discussion on cemetery improvements was postponed.

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The board discussed the sign violation on M-20, it was the consensus of the board to send a notice to the property owner that the township needs a written statement from M-DOT overriding the township's zoning ordinance or the township will enforce the ordinance.

Discussion on parking repairs was postponed.

New Business:

Walter Nelson updated the board on discussions of the E-coli Committee.

Tim Murphy submitted Barbara McCullum, William Neyer, and Patricia Thorpe for Board of Review Members, motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Connie Lynch to appoint all three applicants, for a two year term beginning January 1, 2017, motion carried.

The county treasurer is switching to BS&A Software at no cost to the townships except for updates, motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Randy Martin to switch to BS&A Software for tax collection, motion carried.

Public Comments: Union Township Supervisor Ben Gunning talked with the board about a joint project to grind and pave Meridian Road South of M-20.

Motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Connie Lynch to adjourn, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Walter Nelson

Deerfield Township Clerk