

MINUTES  
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2017

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

Five others were also present.

Agenda additions: Set date and for budget workshop and budget hearing, Federal Poverty Guidelines, and Board of Review Appointment.

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 January 16, 2017 Regular Meeting, motion carried.

Treasurers Report was presented by Connie Lynch, Filed for audit. Some recent tax income is not on this report. The accountants still need to make some accounting code corrections on the fire funds. Also the equipment money needs to be separated.

Fire Department Report was given by Chief Ryan Martin. The department has an offer of \$9,800.00 for the old equipment truck, from Fire Apparatus LLC. Motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Connie Lynch to accept the offer, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried. The pumper from Nottawa Sherman Fire Department will be ready soon. Motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to approve the purchase of the pumper for \$22,500.00, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried. Motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to approve up to \$2,750.00 to purchase new tires for the pumper, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried. The department has a quote of \$9,200.00 to pave the rest of their parking lot, it may be less if done when the main lot is repaved.

Planning Commission Report: By Connie Lynch, permits have been slow. The board discussed zoning at M-20 and Littlefield Road and discussed business in accessory buildings in agricultural districts.

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

Motion by, Alan Johns Seconded by Randy Martin to pay the General Fund vendor Bills (\$11,769.27), General Fund Payroll Bills (\$5,111.19) and the Fire Department Vendor Bills (\$6,685.65), Fire Department Payroll Bills (\$2,128.55) Roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** Joe Kaszuba asked a question about wind turbines.

**Unfinished Business:**

The board discussed the sign for the township hall. Motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to approve the bid from Wildwood Studios to construct the sign and the base for the amount of \$3,700.00 and ask for at least a 12 month warranty, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

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Further discussion on cemetery improvements was postponed.

Further discussion on parking repairs was postponed.

**New Business:**

The board discussed raising the fire fighter's wages. No decisions were made, this will be on the March Agenda.

The board reviewed the office manager's performance and wages, motioned by Randy Martin seconded by Connie Lynch to raise the office manager from \$14.50 per hour to \$15.50, roll call vote 4 aye 0 nay, Walter Nelson abstained, motion carried.

Motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Randy Martin to raise the wage for the temporary officer manager from \$14.50 to \$15.50 per hour, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

Discussion on the Common Angle Contract Renewal was postponed.

The board discussed purchasing a freezer and a locking cabinet for the hall kitchen.

Walter Nelson informed the board the state will be purchasing new voting equipment later this year.

Motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Connie Lynch to approve the road brining contract with the road commission for \$18,863.33 to apply 2,500 gallons per mile of calcium chloride to all gravel and limestone roads, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

The Budget Workshop is set for Friday March 3, 2017 at 7:30 am. The Budget Hearing is set for Monday March 20, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Connie Lynch to adopt the Federal Poverty Guidelines for tax assessing, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

Motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Connie Lynch to appoint Donna Houghton as Board of Review Alternate, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None

Motioned by Randy Martin seconded by Connie Lynch to adjourn, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Walter Nelson

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Deerfield Township Clerk