

MINUTES  
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2015

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

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

Four others were also present.

Agenda additions: Parking Lot, Winn Road work, Signs, Abandoning Section of Gilmore Road, Excess Computer Equipment

Motioned to approve Agenda by Connie Lynch seconded by Alan Johns, motion carried.

Motioned by Alan Johns, seconded by Randy Martin to approve the minutes of May 18, 2015 Regular Meeting, motion carried.

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

Fire Department Report was given by Fire Chief Ryan Martin. There were six runs in May. Fire Dept. will be asking for DNR Grant, which is a 50/50 matching grant, to purchase a 800Mhz portable radio for direct communication for interoperability with local police, MMR, Air Helicopters, DNR etc. Board will be kept informed on status.

Planning Commission Report: By Connie Lynch: They are nearing completion on the revisions and have an estimate from Mark Eidelson at LandPlan, Inc. to review the changes. Alan Johns moved to approve up to \$1,500 for review of the ordinances and the additions and changes. Motion was seconded by Connie Lynch. Roll call vote, 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

JCCA Report: By Randy Martin, noting that JCCA would ask for \$3,000 from each participating township, if needed.

Motion by Connie Lynch, seconded by Alan Johns to pay the General Fund Vendor Bills (\$20,078.69), General Fund Payroll Bills (\$5,009.85) Fire Department Vendor Bills (\$2,523.43) and Fire Department Payroll Bills (\$1,084.48). Roll call vote, 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

Discussion on parking lot addressed the need for soil borings and possible improvements.

Board members questioned the progress and plans for the section of Winn Road being worked on. Tim Murphy will check with Isabella County Road Commission.

Communications with the Michigan Department of Transportation on jurisdiction over signs in the right-of-way along M-20 continues.

Minutes

Page 2

June 15, 2015

New Business:

The board discussed new Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) changes in the law. Tim Murphy is the Township FOIA Coordinator. It was suggested that the FOIA policy be put on the Township Web page.

A member of the Planning Commission, Jim Ball, is changing jobs and will be working third shift, thus unable to make the PC meeting times. Connie Lynch had checked with the Michigan Township Association and there is no policy for granting a leave of absence. In order to have a replacement, a resignation must be tendered.

Susan Knight reported that there was an effort to have the county abandon a portion of Gilmore Road near the Chippewa River. The bridge has been out since the mid-1960s and the area not maintained. The Michigan Road Abandonment Statute requires the Township Board sign off on the petition to abandon that will be presented to the Isabella County Road Commission.

There is a computer unit and related equipment that is non-working and it was discussed that the hard drive should be erased or removed before they can be recycled.

**Public Comments:** John Haupt, District 2 County Commissioner reported on County activities, including the 6.61 mill operating rate, a jail reduction program, the new Isabella County plat book planned by the GIS and 4-H groups and meeting new FOIA guidelines. Joe Kaszuba noted that his questions had been answered.

Motioned by Randy Martin, seconded by Connie Lynch to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Roger Lintemuth

---

Deerfield Township Deputy Clerk