

**MINUTES
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 8:07 p.m. by Supervisor Tim Murphy.

Present:	Tim Murphy	Supervisor
	Walter Nelson	Clerk
	Lynne Wyatt	Treasurer
	Dave Garrett	Trustee
	Randall Martin	Trustee
	Tom Hoffman	Fire Chief
	Mark Nerbonne	Interim Assistant Fire Chief
	Jack Long	Deputy Treasurer

Four others were also present.

Motioned by Walter Nelson, seconded by Randall Martin to approve the agenda with additions, motion carried.

Motioned by, Lynne Wyatt seconded by Randall Martin to approve the December 17, 2007, Minutes, motion carried.

Motioned by Walter Nelson, seconded by Dave Garrett to accept the treasurer's report, motion carried.

Fire department report was given by Lynne Wyatt: The generator on Truck 8-10 is out of service, we are getting estimates for repairs or replacement. Arrival time for new water tender now estimated to be March 8 or 9, 2008. The fire board determined it is not a conflict of interest for Ryan Martin to serve as assistant fire chief while being employed by another fire department and will resume his duties effective immediately. The State of Michigan will not approve using temporary stop signs at M-20 and Winn Road during power outages. We received one bid for giving physical examinations to fire fighters.

Planning commission report by Randall Martin: Alan Johns was appointed chair of the planning commission. We had one zoning violation, the second enforcement letter is being sent. Mr. Martin informed the board of a court ruling that zoning ordinances are not enforceable unless they are enforced uniformly. All property owners within 300 feet of a zoning change must be informed of the change regardless of jurisdiction boundaries.

Motioned by, Walter Nelson, seconded by Lynne Wyatt to pay the general fund and fire department bills, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Dave Garrett reported on a sound and recording system for township board meetings, a Michigan Micro Tech Representative informed Him a system that would suit our needs would probably cost around \$1,000.00.

Randall Martin presented a spec sheet for a backup generator system for the town hall and fire barn from Three D Electric. Motioned by Lynne Wyatt, seconded by Walter Nelson to put it out for bids, motion carried.

Resolution offered by Lynne Wyatt, seconded by Randall Martin to set poverty guidelines for property tax exemption. Roll-call vote, all members present, all voted Aye, Supervisor Murphy declared the resolution adopted.

The loan agreement for the new water tender is on hold because of the delay in delivery.

New Business:

Resolution offered by Lynne Wyatt, seconded by Randall Martin to impose a 3% late fee on property taxes paid to the township after February Fourteenth. Roll call vote Tim Murphy (Aye) Dave Garrett (No) Randall Martin (Aye) Lynne Wyatt (Aye) Walter Nelson (No). Supervisor Murphy declared the resolution adopted.

Planning Commission appointment, motioned by Randall Martin, seconded by Walter Nelson to appoint James Wynes, motion carried. Appointment of alternates postponed until next meeting.

Motioned by Lynne Wyatt, seconded by Walter Nelson to appoint Randall Martin as the township board member to serve on the planning commission, motion carried.

The township board reviewed the Five Year Road Plan. It is now ready for the planning commission's review.

Motion by, Randall Martin, seconded by Lynne Wyatt to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Walter Nelson
Deerfield Township Clerk

