

MINUTES
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2008

Meeting called to order at 8:19 p.m. by Supervisor Tim Murphy.

Present:	Tim Murphy	Supervisor
	Walter Nelson	Clerk
	Dave Garrett	Trustee
	Randall Martin	Trustee
	Ryan Martin	Interim Fire Chief
	Jack Long	Deputy Treasurer
Absent	Lynne Wyatt	Treasurer

Sixteen others were also present.

Agenda additions: Bruce Starr Drain Commission Candidate, Wayne Kent Board of Review Complaints, Mark Johnson Assessor's Contract, Janice Zeien Resignation from Deputy Supervisor.

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

Motioned by, Randall Martin seconded by Dave Garrett to approve the February, 18 2008, February 25, 2008, and March 7, 2008 Minutes, motion carried. The entire language for the updates to the policies and procedures regarding fire fighter training will be included in the April 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Fire department report was given by Walter Nelson:

Planning commission report by Randall Martin: Mr. Martin reported we need to make appointments for expiring positions to the planning commission and zoning board of appeals. Motioned by Randall Martin, seconded by Walter Nelson to appoint:

Al Johns and Jim Wynes to Planning Commission, terms will end in 2001.

Mike Pung to Zoning Board of Appeals, term will end in 2009.

Chuck Hubscher to Zoning Board of Appeals, term will end in 2010.

Roger Lintemuth and Robert Bowlby, terms to end in 2011, motion carried

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

Unfinished Business:

Motioned by Walter Nelson, seconded by Dave Garrett to approve up to \$2500.00 to purchase a sound and recording system for recording township meetings, motion carried.

New Business:

Motioned by Walter Nelson, seconded by Dave Garrett to approve the road-brining contract with the county road commission, motion carried.

Motioned by Walter Nelson, seconded by Randall Martin to approve all banks doing business with Deerfield Township to allow read only access to all the township's accounts to Page Olson and Company for the purpose of calculating financial statements for the township, motion carried.

Motioned by Walter Nelson, seconded by Randall Martin to authorize payment of employees' share of pension premiums at time of withholding, motion carried.

Motioned by Dave Garrett, seconded by Randall Martin to approve 2% applications to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for reconstruction and paving of Baseline Road, motion carried.

Jack Long expressed a desire to be relieved of the duties of zoning administrator because of enforcement issues. Further discussion postponed until the April Meeting.

Motioned by Randall Martin, seconded by Dave Garrett to accept Janice Zeien's resignation as Deputy Supervisor, motion carried.

Jack Long presented a letter from the tax assessor regarding the clause in his contract to be paid for any increase in the number of parcels the number of which is now 1900. Walter Nelson will instruct the accountants to make the adjustment.

Public Comments:

Wayne Kent voiced complaints regarding his property tax assessment, incorrect tax bill and the treatment he received by the board of review. Dennis Onstot also complained about his tax bill and his dissatisfaction with the tax assessor.

Dave Kinney voiced concerns over the deterioration of Winn Road between M-20 and Blanchard Road

County Commissioner John Haupt talked about several issues at the county level. Randall Martin stated curbside recycling does not pickup at commercial properties; Commissioner Haupt said that might change.

Motion by, Randall Martin, seconded by Walter Nelson to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM

Walter Nelson
Deerfield Township Clerk