

MINUTES
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2009

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

Present	Tim Murphy	Supervisor
Present	Walter Nelson	Clerk
Absent	Lynne Wyatt	Treasurer
Present	Randy Martin	Trustee
Present	Alan Johns	Trustee
Present	Barbara McCollom	Deputy Treasurer
Absent	Ryan Martin	Fire Chief
Absent	Mark Nerbonne	Assistant Chief

Eight others were also present.

Agenda additions: Computer System, Assessor

Motioned to approve Agenda with addition by Walter Nelson, seconded by, Alan Johns, motion carried.

Motioned by, Alan Johns seconded by Randy Martin, to approve the minutes of July 20, 2009 Regular Meeting with one correction, motion carried. Correction, request by Alan Johns for the treasurer's report to include a budget vs. actual of expenditures.

Treasurers Report was given by Barbara McCollom. Motion by Walter Nelson, seconded by Randy Martin to accept Treasurers report, 3 aye 1 nay, motion carried. Alan Johns voted no because the report did not include budget vs. actual and he also requested the report separate fire department operating funds from equipment replacement funds.

Fire Department Report was given by Randy Martin: The fire board reviewed the department and payroll bills and recommends payment. The Fire Board is requesting the planning commission adopt an ordinance prohibiting parking within fifty feet of dry hydrants. The fire chief asked not to be responsible for setting up for meetings. The fire chief also asked their mail not be opened by anyone except the chief or assistant chief. Walter Nelson suggested the office manager place all fire department mail in the drop box.

Planning Commission Report by Alan Johns. The commission chair person and Alan Johns spoke with the township attorney who also had discussions with the gravel company's attorney regarding the gravel company's use permit. The planning commission has received several complaints about the use of vulgar language and nudity by tubers on the Chippewa River. Several planning commission members will be attending a risk management seminar on August 27, 2009.

The JCCA Report was given by Barbara McCollom. The JCCA issued 44 permits for July 19 of which were for Deerfield Township. Two Clare County Townships are interested in joining the JCCA.

Motion by Walter Nelson, Second by Randy Martin to pay the General Fund (\$14,514.14), Fire Department (\$1,138.17), and Payroll (\$5,289.87) bills, roll call vote 3 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

Unfinished Business:

Walter Nelson will contact the accountants about getting financial records sooner.

Alan Johns reported the new computer system is proceeding well, the lines are in and we now have business lines and they will be less expensive than what we had. The server should be in by week's end. We will be holding the check for payment until the system is up and running.

New Business:

The board reviewed the five year road plan, because of the traffic count; attention will be shifted from Deerfield Road to River Road. The board consensus is to ask the county road commission for an estimate to grind and pave one mile of River Road from Winn road to Vandecar Road and request 2% funding from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for 75% of that amount.

Motioned by Alan Johns, seconded by Walter Nelson to allow the fire department to pay an additional \$20,000.00 annually on their equipment loan, motion carried.

Discussed replacing the clerk's laptop computer, motioned by Alan Johns, seconded by Randy Martin to approve up to \$1,000.00 for a new computer including accessories and software roll call vote 4 yes 0 no, motion carried.

Discussion on repair of cemetery markers postponed.

Motioned by Alan Johns, seconded by Walter Nelson to accept proposal for hauling dirt, tree removal, and cleanup at Coomer Cemetery by Michael Wood for \$650.00, votes were 4 yes 0 no, motion carried.

Motioned by Alan Johns, seconded by Randy Martin to have balance sheet showing the budget vs. actual for revenues and expenditures included in the treasurer's report, motion carried.

Discussed requirement for either the supervisor to be a certified assessor or the contracted assessor being a township employee. The discussion is postponed to allow time to consult with the accountants or auditors. The discussion will be placed on next month's agenda.

Public Comments:

Jack Long stated that a township resident has offered financial assistance to place some trees and shrubs at Coomer Cemetery.

Jenny Wood asked about deputies and was informed the clerk and treasurer are required by state law to have deputies.

Ken Hubble stated he had witnessed some of the vulgarity from tubers on the Chippewa River.

Motion to adjourn by Walter Nelson, seconded by Randy Martin, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Walter Nelson

Deerfield Township Clerk