

**MINUTES  
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2006**

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Supervisor Trustee Dave Garrett.

Absent	Tim Murphy	Supervisor
Present:	Walter Nelson	Clerk
	Lynne Wyatt	Treasure
	Randy Martin	Trustee
	Dave Garrett	Trustee
	Tom Hoffman	Fire Chief
	Ryan Martin	Assistant Fire Chief

Eleven others were also present.

Minutes of August 21, 2006 Regular Meeting, was read by Walter Nelson.

Motioned by, Lynne Wyatt seconded by Randall Martin to approve the minutes motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Lynne Wyatt. Motioned by, Walter Nelson seconded by Randall Martin to accept the treasurer's report, motion carried.

Fire department report was given by Lynne Wyatt. Discussed dry hydrants, and EPA directive to divert fire department floor drains to a tank with no drain field outlet.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

Policies and procedures meeting scheduled for Friday October 13, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

Motioned by Walter Nelson, seconded by Lynne Wyatt to approve participation contract with the road commission and Nottawa Township for bridge over Chippewa North Branch River on Baseline Road. The total project costs of \$547,702.00 are shared by a BIA grant for \$433,361.00, ICRC \$36,113.47, Nottawa Township \$36,113.47, and Deerfield Township \$36,113.46, motion carried.

Walter Nelson informed the board, the cost of reflective strips for stop signs is \$874.50. Since it was approved to spend up to \$2,650.00 at the August meeting, no further approval is needed.

Motioned by Walter Nelson, seconded by Randall Martin to raise the amount approved to overlay the first 1913 feet of Mineral Springs Trail from \$16,129.00 to \$26,129.00, motion carried. This was done because the \$10,000.00 block grant from ICRC intended for this road was applied to other township projects by the road commission.

Discussed \$50,000.00 grant from SCIT for guardrails. Motioned by Walter Nelson, seconded by Lynne Wyatt to amend the general fund budget, adding revenues of \$50,000.00 to gaming donations raising it from \$25,000.00 to \$75,000.00 and total revenues from \$360,000.00 to \$410,000.00 and to raise highways and streets contractual services from \$367,000.00 to \$417,000.00 and total H & S expenditures to \$422,000.00, motion carried.

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**New Business**

Annual meeting with the road commission is set for October 25, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

Amy Shindorf presented a program for curb-side recycling. The program currently costs \$15.00 per household. At the October meeting, the board will consider approval of general fund monies to pay for the program on a trial basis for two years, at the end of which time proposals will be placed on the ballot at either the 2008 August Primary or the November General Election to ask the voters if they wish to continue the program and if so how to fund it.

Tim Hauck asked the board to consider modifying the township road ordinance to increase the number of dwellings or principle buildings to read more than three instead of more than two before the road has to be built to ICRC specifications. No motions were made, any changes would need to be addressed by the planning commission first.

Discussed security cameras, motioned by Lynne Wyatt, seconded by Randall Martin to approve up to \$5,000.00 for a security system for the township hall and fire barn, motion carried.

Discussed snow removal for the coming winter, Walter Nelson will suggest to Tim that he contact the same company we used last winter.

Discussed stand-by generator for the township hall. Randall Martin will check with Ken Block for more information.

The board asked for public comment on the request for 2% funds for Baseline Road. Jack Long stated an improvement such as this will be of great benefit to the whole community.

John Haupt talked about various things taking place at the county level.

Ken Kopke presented a draft for the township master plan. The planning commission and the ZBA have a joint meeting scheduled for October 10, 2006 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Kopke also stated two members' positions are up for renewal and the planning commission report needs to be put on the agenda for October.

**Adjourn:**

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

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Walter Nelson  
Deerfield Township Clerk