

MINUTES
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2015

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

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

Three others were also present.

Agenda additions: Audit Renewal, Tech director of Beal City Schools, Road Ditching

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 September 21, 2015 Regular Meeting, motion carried. Motioned by Connie Lynch seconded by Tim Murphy to approve the Election Commission Minutes on October 12, 2015, motion carried.

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

Fire Department Report was given by Chief Ryan Martin. Six runs this month. Ben Eggenberger, the Technology Director for Beal City Schools addressed the board concerning the school using the township's tower for internet and the possibility of the township receiving internet service free or at a reduced rate. Cost sharing the installation between the township and school was also discussed.

Also discussed was township participation in a county wide grant for new air packs. If the grant is approved, the townships match would be \$15,000.00

Ryan Martin informed the board of a price increase of seven percent for the new rescue unit that can be avoided if ordered now. Motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to approve up to \$235,000.00 to purchase the unit, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried. Ryan Martin also reported that the trucks have been tested and all passed.

Planning Commission Report: By Connie Lynch: The planning commission is through with the ordinance update and nearly through with the master plan and are to meet with Tim Nieporte concerning maps. Randy Martin stated that Joe Kaszuba asked about the sign violation on M-20.

JCCA Report: By Randy Martin, Nothing to report.

Motion by, Alan Johns Seconded by Randy Martin to pay the General Fund Vendor Bills (\$9,272.58), General Fund Payroll Bills (\$8,928.57) Fire Department Vendor Bills (\$2,563.96) and Fire Department Payroll Bills (\$1,084.49). Roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

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Unfinished Business:

Discussion on the township logo, Tim Murphy presented a draft, it will be sent back for some minor changes.

Further discussion on parking lot repairs postponed until spring.

Discussion on security system; Walter Nelson stated he was not able to get the audio to work, will contact vendor.

New Business:

Discussion on cemeteries; the township needs a new cemetery ordinance, a committee of volunteers will review a sample ordinance and make recommendations to the planning commission.

Discussion on township retirement plan; Motioned by Randy Martin seconded by Connie Lynch to pass update resolution to comply with IRS Regulations, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

Discussion on audit renewal; auditors asked for a four year agreement at \$5,800.00. It was suggested to counter with a two year agreement at \$5,500.00.

Tim Murphy stated he had discussed ditching on some local roads with the road commission and learned the rate was \$2,000.00 per day.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Randy Martin seconded by Connie Lynch to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Walter Nelson

Deerfield Township Clerk