

**MINUTES
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Trustee Randall Martin.

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| Present: | Walter Nelson | Clerk |
| | Lynne Wyatt | Treasure |
| | Dave Garrett | Trustee |
| | Randall Martin | Trustee |
| | Tom Hoffman | Fire Chief |
| | Ryan Martin | Assistant Fire Chief |
| | Jack Long | Deputy Treasurer |
| Absent | Tim Murphy | Supervisor |

Seven others were also present.

Agenda items added: Hall rentals and Cost Recovery Corporation.

Motioned by Lynne Wyatt, seconded by Walter Nelson to approve the agenda, motion carried.

Motioned by, Dave Garrett seconded by Lynne Wyatt to approve the October 15, 2007, Minutes, motion carried.

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

Fire department report was given by Lynne Wyatt: Mark Nerbonne will be interim Assistant fire chief until a determination is made regarding whether or not Ryan Martin's employment conflicts with the position. Mark Nerbonne will receive the assistant chief's pay during the interim.

Planning commission report was given by Ken Kopke. Mr. Kopke answered questions regarding the final draft for the 2007 update. Motioned by Lynne Wyatt, seconded by Walter Nelson to approve the updated zoning ordinance, motion carried.

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

Unfinished Business:

Installation of the parking lot sign is waiting for a report from Consumers Energy due by 11-26-07.

Jack Long stated he received estimates on a cable P.A. and recording system for \$4,000 to \$5,000 and \$6,000 to \$7,000 for a wireless system. Dave Garrett will assist him in more research.

New Business:

Walter Nelson informed the board we are getting close to needing a second voting precinct and will get more information from the county clerk.

Discussed the need for a backup generator for the town hall and fire barn. Randall Martin will contact Block Electric for information regarding options for a backup system.

Discussion on conflict between the MTA Conference and the presidential primary. Motioned by Lynne Wyatt, seconded by Dave Garrett to approve the clerk to appoint Marketa Long Temporary Deputy Clerk for issuing and receiving absentee ballots while the clerk and regular deputy are absent for the MTA Conference, motion carried.

Discussion about setting a policy to rent the old tables from the town hall. There were no motions or support for the idea.

Motioned by Walter Nelson, seconded by Dave Garrett to waive the township hall rent for benefit dinner for Bernice Wyatt pending presenting evidence of illness, motion carried.

Roger Hauck announced he is running for drain commissioner.

County Commissioner John Haupt gave an update on the Commission on Aging building.

Richard VanHorn objected to the closed session at the October meeting not being held at the end of the regular meeting.

Ryan Martin asked if purchasing a backup generator could be done soon because of the problems with fire barn lighting, opening overhead doors and the radio repeater during power failures. Randall Martin will check with the electrician about a temporary solution.

Adjourn:

Motion by, Walter Nelson, seconded by Lynne Wyatt to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Walter Nelson
Deerfield Township Clerk

