

MINUTES  
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2017

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

Six others were also present.

Agenda additions: None

Motioned to approve Agenda by Alan Johns seconded by Randy Martin, motion carried.

Motioned by Alan Johns, seconded by Connie Lynch to approve the minutes of December 19, 2016 Regular Meeting, motion carried.

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

Fire Department Report was given by Chief Ryan Martin. The pumper from Nottawa Sherman Fire Department will be ready in February. Motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to make an offer for the truck not to exceed \$25,000.00 with new tires, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried. The department is looking into a grant for 850 mhz radios. The department is looking to purchase a truck to replace the old grass rig, the old one is owned by the DNR, there are no late model DNR Rigs available.

Planning Commission Report: By Melissa Nelson, the planning commission re-heard the special use permit from McQuestion. The planning commission covered the requirements line by line and again denied the request. It will probably be appealed to the ZBA in May. Apex Wind Energy is planning a wind farm for Isabella County part of which will be in Deerfield Township. There was also discussion of possible alcohol sales at the canoe livery.

JCCA Report: No report this month.

Motion by, Alan Johns Seconded by Walter Nelson to pay the General Fund vendor Bills (\$9,788.05), General Fund Payroll Bills (\$5,300.10) and the Fire Department Vendor Bills (\$5,940.36, Fire Department Payroll Bills (\$1,084.82) Roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

Discussion on the sign for the township hall was postponed.

Further discussion on cemetery improvements was postponed.

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The board discussed the sign violation on M-20, it was the consensus of the board that the township needs a written statement from M-DOT overriding the township's zoning ordinance or the township will enforce the ordinance.

Discussion on parking repairs was postponed.

**New Business:**

There was no update of the E-coli problem in the county.

The board reviewed updates to the five year road plan, it will now go to the planning commission for review.

The quote from Charter/Spectrum for telephone service leaves the township with an extra line the JCCA will use.

**Public Comments:** The township will run an ad for two board of review alternates.

Motioned by Connie Lynch seconded by Randy Martin to adjourn, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Walter Nelson

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Deerfield Township Clerk