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DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2009

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

Present	Tim Murphy	Supervisor
Present	Walter Nelson	Clerk
Present	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

Six others were also present.

Agenda additions: Insurance renewal, Office Manager, Isabella County Road Commission

Motioned to approve Agenda with additions by Lynne Wyatt, seconded by Randy Martin , motion carried.

Motioned by Alan Johns , seconded by Lynne Wyatt, to approve the minutes of November 16, 2009 Regular Meeting, motion carried.

Treasurers Report was given by Lynne Wyatt. Motion by Randy Martin, seconded by Walter Nelson, to accept the treasurer's report, motion carried.

Fire Department Report was given by Lynne Wyatt: The main pumper unit will need to be replaced by 2013. It was recommended to discontinue using Skip Starling and find another consultant for improving the ISO rating. The department received a matching DNR grant for radios for \$3,067.00. The department also requested permission to purchase eight new equipment lockers for \$1,638.00 and also asked for \$1,200.00 for a strategies and tactics course. Motioned by Alan Johns, seconded by Randy Martin to allow the fire department to spend \$5,905.00 for their three requests, roll call vote was five ayes 0 no, motion carried. Also discussed fire board terms, clerk will review old minutes.

Planning Commission Report: There was nothing to report, however Randy Martin stated we must enforce our sign ordinance or it would have no legal standing. A discussion followed ending with a

consensus that the zoning administrator is in fact the zoning official and would send out letters citing violations even if no complaint is filed. Alan Johns stated the planning commission chair and supervisor will be meeting with a sheriff's department representative regarding complaints about littering and profanity along the Chippewa River.

JCCA Report by Lynne Wyatt: Rolland Township is taking court action against some Amish Residents and would like a letter of support from Deerfield Township. Building permits have increased from twelve to sixteen.

Motion by Walter Nelson, seconded by Randy Martin to renew the township insurance policy with \$2,000,000.00 and \$2,500.00 deductible at a cost of \$16,776.00, roll call vote 5 ayes 0 no, motion carried.

Motion by Walter Nelson, Seconded by Randy Martin to pay the General Fund (\$25,185.96), Fire Department (\$4,155.22) and Payroll (\$6,749.30) bills, roll call vote 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

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Public Comments on Agenda Items: Resident question, why will the pumper need replacing by 2013? It will be twenty years old and will no longer meet NFPA Standards. One resident stated violations on the Chippewa River should come under disturbing the peace.

Unfinished Business: Motion by Randy Martin, seconded by Lynne Wyatt to renew the audit contract with Campbell Kusterer for three years at accost of \$5,000.00 per year, roll call vote 5 ayes 0 no, motion carried.

Discussed the tax assessor, motion by Lynne Wyatt, seconded by Alan Johns to delegate authority to the supervisor to determine if the assessor should be regarded employee or contractor, motion carried.

New Business:

Supervisor Murphy complained he had not received a message that the office manager would be absent a day during the snow storm and also on one occasion his time sheet did not match the exact time he was in the office. The office manager stated he did an hour of make- up time in the afternoon on the day in question and on the day he was absent, the automated telephone system should have forwarded the message he would be absent. The supervisor will be purchasing a time punch card clock to be used in conjunction with time sheets. The office manager stated he is in favor of the time clock.

Discussed ICRM proposal for upgrading Winn Road to all season specifications. Discussed ICRM Ditch Ordinance.

Supervisor Murphy informed the board that ICRM was awarded a grant for guardrails for the Chippewa River Bridge on Pickard Road.

Public Comments:

Markita Long question the extent of involvement of the zoning administrator in enforcement of the sign ordinance.

County Commissioner John Haupt reported on issues at the county level.

Motion to adjourn by Randy Martin, seconded by Lynne Wyatt, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Walter Nelson

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