

MINUTES
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2015

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

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

Two others were also present.

Agenda additions: None

Motioned to approve agenda by Alan Johns, seconded by Connie Lynch, motion carried.

Motioned by Alan Johns, seconded by Randy Martin to approve minutes of November 16, 2015 Regular Meeting, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report given by Connie Lynch, noting that it included \$200,000 of a Two Percent Grant from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for work on River Road from Vandecar to Nottawa Road. Tax payments also have been coming in. Filed for Audit.

Fire Department Report was given by Ryan Martin. The latest three runs included a house fire on Baseline Road, a vehicle accident and a fire in Fremont Township. Work continues with Beal City Public Schools for an internet receiver on the Township's Communication Tower. Installation costs are being split and the Township offices will have access to the internet service. Deerfield is participating in a county-wide grant application due January 15 for new air packs. The documentation and paperwork for the new rescue truck is progressing. The Fire Dept. also has submitted a grant to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for two 800 Megahertz radios a part of a state-wide system that would save the county money, give clearer communications, better coverage and not require replacing all the current radios. The Isabella County Transportation Commission recently hosted a competition identifying several photos from locations around the county. The Deerfield Township Fire Department won the event and earned a free side wrap on an ICTC bus for a year. The wrap ad would note that the Fire Dept. serves Deerfield Township and the surrounding areas and may be able to include the new township logo.

Planning Commission Report: Connie Lynch reported that a final draft has been sent for review by Mark Eidelson of LandPlan, Inc. A special session also addressed the need for a Cemetery Ordinance. A subcommittee hammered out a new ordinance and it will be included in the latest update. On Zoning Permit issuance, it was suggested that Mary Ellen Wynes be trained to issue a zoning permit in the event the Zoning Administrator is unavailable.

JCCA Report: None

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Motion by Alan Johns, seconded by Randy Martin to pay the General Fund Vendor Bills (\$33,216.69), General Fund Payroll Bills (\$5,830.91), Fire Department Vendor Bills (16,725.05) and Fire Department Payroll Bills (\$1,513.69). It was discussed using local vendors whenever possible on township projects. Roll call vote: Five ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Joe Kasuba asked if a permit was needed to have a furnace worked on. The consensus was that permits were required for a replacement or installation, but not for repair. The JCCA office has all the code and permit requirement information.

Unfinished Business:

The group liked the newest version of the Deerfield Township logo and Tim Murphy was going to work with the artist to see if he could get a file version that could be adapted to the wrap around ICTC ad won by the Fire Department.

Work continues to get the information on Coomer and Two Rivers Cemeteries computerized and on line.

New Business:

The Board discussed the 2016 Michigan Township Association Conference and Expo to be held in Detroit January 19-22, 2016. None of the Board members anticipated attending at this time.

The Board reviewed a proposal by Isabella County Community Development Director Tim Nieporte for a new Zoning map for Deerfield Township. The proposal would include two large maps and smaller sizes which would include road names, color coding for zones, mile numbering and parcel outlines. The previous map being used was made in 2001. It was moved by Connie Lynch and seconded by Alan Johns to go ahead with the proposal and having it done with the latest information available. Roll call vote: Four ayes, no nays, motion passed.

Fire Department insurance proposal tabled.

Public comment: None

Motioned by Randy Martin, seconded by Connie Lynch to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.