

MINUTES  
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2016

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

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| 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: Sign for Hall, Cemeteries, Recycling

Motioned to approve Agenda by Connie Lynch seconded by Randy Martin, motion carried.

Motioned by Alan Johns, seconded by Connie Lynch to approve the minutes of January 18, 2015 Regular Meeting, motion carried.

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

Fire Department Report was given by Chief Ryan Martin. Ryan explained the department will need to use a hybrid radio system to communicate with the new 800 MHz and the old radios. The amount for the radios needed at this time would cost \$29,497.00. Motioned by Walter Nelson seconded Alan Johns to approve up to \$30,000.00 to purchase the radios, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried. Chief Martin presented a list of budget amendments to be acted on at the budget hearing.

Planning Commission Report: By Connie Lynch: The zoning ordinance has been reviewed by Land Plan Inc. and some corrections are needed. Randy Martin asked if letters had been sent to M-DOT and the state representative about sign violations. Also discussed was a wood cutting operation and whether it is covered by Right to Farm Act.

JCCA Report: By Randy Martin: There was nothing new to report this month except they have adequate funding through May.

Motion by Alan Johns, seconded by Walter Nelson to pay the General Fund Vendor Bills (\$15,666.29), General Fund Payroll Bills (\$5,050.63) Fire Department Vendor Bills (\$6,304.85) and Fire Department Payroll Bills (\$1,084.07). Roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Approval for general fund check number 13754 is contingent on approval of the Code Red Contract renewal.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** Joe Kaszuba asked if other departments are getting the new radios, the answer is yes. Commissioner John Haupt reported on issues at the county level.

**Unfinished Business:**

The board discussed the Code Red Contract renewal, motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Alan Johns to approve renewal of the contract for \$733.24, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

The board discussed decorative fencing for the cemeteries. Tim murphy will check for quotes from at least three vendors. Also discussed was upgrading the well and a building for cemetery services.

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**New Business:**

The board discussed the ZBA position, motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Connie Lynch to appoint Joe Carroll, motion carried.

The office manager review will done at the March Meeting.

The board discussed the township retirement, motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to pass a resolution changing the age to withdraw without penalty from sixty-five to fifty-nine and a half, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

The board discussed a sign for the hall, Connie Lynch will check on designs and quotes.

The board discussed asking the recycling center about leaving a bin at the township hall, the office manager will contact them.

**Public Comments:** Resident Pat Lilly introduced herself to the board. The budget workshop is scheduled for March 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. and the budget hearing is scheduled for March 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Walter Nelson

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Deerfield Township Clerk