

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

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Supervisor Tim Murphy.

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

Three others were also present.

Minutes of January 15, 2007 Regular Meeting, was read by Walter Nelson.

Motioned by, Dave Garrett seconded by Randall Martin to approve the minutes, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Lynne Wyatt. Motioned by, Randall Martin seconded by Walter Nelson to accept the treasurer's report, motion carried.

Fire department report was given by Lynne Wyatt. Items being considered for purchase are a generator, a thermo imaging cameras and a gas monitor.

Planning commission had nothing new to report this month.

Motioned by, Lynne Wyatt, seconded by Dave Garrett to pay the general fund and the fire department bills, motion carried

Unfinished Business:

Lynne Wyatt reported the rough draft for policies and procedures is complete and final draft should be ready for the March Meeting.

The building task force is considering grants and a low interest, long term loan, the results of which will determine whether to plan an addition or a new building. The next meeting will be in April.

Baseline Road update was given by Walter Nelson. Isabella Township will request a 2% grant from SCIT to finish paving the east end. Nottawa Township will request a 2% grant from SCIT to reconstruct the last two miles on the west end. The county road commission will pay for the design engineering. Deerfield and Nottawa Townships are being asked to contribute \$75,000.00 each.

New Business

Motioned by Walter Nelson, seconded by Randall Martin, to amend the general fund budget raising the building and grounds account from \$40,000.00 to \$55,000.00 by transferring \$15,000 from ending fund balance to building grounds, motion carried.

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Motioned by Lynne Wyatt, seconded by Randall Martin to adopt salary resolutions increasing the township board members salaries by ten percent, raising: Supervisor to \$11,000.00, Clerk to \$11,000.00 Treasurer to \$13,750.00 Trustees to \$2,640.00. Results of roll call vote was Murphy, Nelson, Wyatt, Martin (yes), Garrett (No), the resolution was adopted by majority vote.

Compensation for deputies and fire fighters was postponed to allow time to research other townships and fire departments.

Lynne Wyatt replaced Deputy Treasurer Thomas Wyatt by Appointing Jack Long to fill the position, (Mr. Long took the Oath of Office, administered by Township Clerk Walter Nelson immediately following the meeting).

Walter Nelson presented a proposed budget for members of the board to review. The proposal with any changes will be considered for adoption at the budget hearing following the March Regular Meeting.

Janice Zeien stated board members are public servants and she receives calls from residents that had problems contacting the supervisor and also a family member had difficulty making connections with the treasurer to pay their property taxes.

Richard VanHorn asked board members if they accepted their positions for the money or for some other reasons. He received a variety of answers.

Office Manger Jack Long clarified with the fire chief the ISO walk through inspection will take place in March or April. Other items presented by Mr. Long were the planning commission report is on the township website, we need to order ten copies of the updated Township Board Responsibilities Manual. Mr. Long also stated he and some planning commission members may wish to attend a planning seminar, Trustee Martin informed him that could all be arranged by the planning commission.

Adjourn:

Motion by, Walter Nelson, seconded by Randall Martin to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

Walter Nelson
Deerfield Township Clerk