

MINUTES  
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2012

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

Present	Tim Murphy	Supervisor
Absent	Walter Nelson	Clerk
Present	Lynne Wyatt	Treasurer
Present	Randy Martin	Trustee
Present	Alan Johns	Trustee

Six others were also present.

Agenda additions: Office manager review and Bridge Contract.

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

Motioned by Alan Johns, seconded by Lynne Wyatt to approve the minutes of January 16, 2012 Regular Meeting, motion carried.

Treasurers Report was given by Lynne Wyatt, balances outlined as of 31<sup>st</sup> of January, 2012.

Fire Department Report was given by Lynne Wyatt: Board discussed need for a social media policy, involving areas such as use of photos of fires or accidents. It could be developed as an amendment to operating guidelines.

Planning Commission Report: By Alan Johns: No new items, work continues on five-year review.

JCCA Report by Lynne Wyatt:

Motion by Lynne Wyatt, Seconded by Randy Martin to pay the General Fund (\$18,108.57), Fire Department (\$3,886.75) and Payroll (\$6,779.34), roll call vote 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

Tabled discussion on traffic fines for libraries, had hoped to have representative from library board attend a meeting.

Board had not yet heard from Isabella County Road Commission on Five-Year Road Plan for Deerfield Township. Plan will go to Planning Commission for initial review.

**New Business:**

Efforts to have credit bill received early in the month to avoid any finance charges or fees have not been successful. Office Manager Roger Lintemuth was directed to check into other cards and the possibility of having billing cycles targeted to the beginning of each month and thus be available for the regular board meeting on the third Monday of each month. There also may be some rewards associated with a card which would benefit the township.

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The Board reviewed a proposed Township Brine Participation Contract with the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Isabella calling for \$14,560.93 as the township share for two applications of Michigan Chloride at 2,500 gallons per mile over 26.89 total gravel miles in the township. Alan Johns moved to approve the contract, seconded by Lynne Wyatt. Roll Call vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board reviewed a Township Participation Contract with the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Isabella on the River Road Bridge over the North Branch of the Chippewa River project. The Deerfield Township share of the \$611,258.97 total project is \$35,538.90. The proposed improvements to approaches from both directions were discussed and Alan Johns moved to approve the River Road Bridge Contract at \$35,538.90 as submitted, seconded by Randy Martin. Roll Call vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

On the Office Manager Review, it was noted that increases in salary steps had been outlined and approved at a previous meeting and included the option for annual reviews. Tim Murphy noted that he had received no complaints. It was suggested that a review and discussion could be tabled until the next meeting.

**Public Comments:** Virginia Wood questioned whether the ISO Fire Protection Rating had been helpful in lowering insurance rates in the Township. She had heard of people not being able to get lower rates, but other input noted that many people had been successful in having rates lowered. Wood also commented that many of the roads in the township needed work before monies were spent in other areas.

Motion to adjourn by Lynne Wyatt, seconded by Randy Martin, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Roger Lintemuth

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Deerfield Township Deputy Clerk