

MINUTES
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2012

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

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

Nine others were also present.

Agenda additions: Woodruff Road cost sharing and Office Manager. Budget Hearing Agenda, amend 2011/2012 and adopt 2012/2013 Fire Department Budgets.

Motioned to approve Amended Agenda by Alan Johns seconded by Randy Martin, motion carried.

Motioned by, Randy Martin seconded by Alan Johns to approve the minutes of February 20, 2012 Regular Meeting February 18, 2012 Budget Workshop, motion carried.

Treasurers Report was given by Barbara McCollom, Filed for audit.

Fire Department Report was given by Randy Martin: Dissolution of Fire Board needs to be noted in minutes effective March 31, 2012. Fire Board recommends paying bills.

Planning Commission Report: By Alan Johns: The planning commission is still reviewing the zoning ordinance. Looking into a parking ordinance. Need attorney to look at sign ordinance. Reviewed Five Year Road Plan.

JCCA Report by McCollom: No action items this month

Motion by Alan Johns, Seconded by Randy Martin to pay the General Fund Vendor Bills (\$23,339.55), General Fund Payroll (\$7,550.33) Fire Department Vendor Bills (\$7,918.23) and Fire Department Payroll (\$20,208.63), roll call vote 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Dora VanHorn asked the board members to talk louder. Carol Howard asked about notification of zoning ordinance changes. Alan Johns explained changes must be discussed at an advertised public hearing before being brought to the township board for a vote. Herb Rice asked questions about property assessing, Supervisor Murphy explained those questions would be for the assessor or board of review.

Unfinished Business:

Discussed traffic fines for libraries, postponed, the clerk will contact the Sherman Township Library Board again.

Reviewed 2% requests, motioned by Alan Johns, seconded by Walter Nelson to submit two requests, one to grind and pave Meridian Road from M-20 to the Chippewa River Main Branch and one to grind and pave River Road from Meridian Road to Nottawa Road, motion carried.

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New Business:

Discussed 116 Act Applications from James Schumacher and Randall Yunker, motioned by Walter Nelson, seconded by Randy Martin to approve the applications, motion carried

Discussed costs for color copies, fire department will reimburse the township when they make color copies.

Hall and Grounds discussion postponed until full board is available.

Discussed cost sharing Woodruff Road with Broomfield Township. Tim Murphy will discuss the matter further with the Broomfield Township Supervisor.

Discussed office manager/zoning administrator. Complaints are to be directed to the supervisor then the supervisor will direct the zoning administrator as to action to take.

Public Comments:

Jenny Wood said the North Mile of Woodruff Road is in the worst condition.

Carol Howard asked if the hill North of the bridge on Meridian Road could be cut down when it is repaved.

Dora VanHorn asked question about accounting.

Carol Howard asked the number of cars permitted in residential area.

Janet Rice raised concern of water in gravel pit on west side of Littlefield Road being higher than the east side with no tube to equalize the water level.

Jenny Wood stated the DEQ required the tube be removed due to possible contamination from the old landfill.

Motion by Alan Johns seconded by Randy Martin to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m..

Walter Nelson

Deerfield Township Clerk