

MINUTES
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2017

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

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: Mowing, Roads Contracts, Planning & Zoning, Sign for Hall

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

Motioned by Alan Johns, seconded by Randy Martin to approve the minutes of March 20, 2017 Regular Meeting and March 20, 2017 Budget Hearing with one correction on Budget Hearing, motion carried.

Treasurers Report was given by Connie Lynch; Filed for audit.

Fire Department Report was given by Chief Ryan Martin. The truck from Nottawa-Sherman Fire Department is in and the tires were put on in 2011 so they do not have to be replaced, it needs a deck gun but we have one for it. Also need two hard suction costing \$792.98. Discussed suction screens and the possibility of putting screens on the dry hydrants. Discussed purchasing suction line and wheel chocks, motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to approve up to \$1,200.00 to purchase suction hose and wheel chocks, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried. Classes for defibulator training tentatively set for May 3, 2017 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and May 6, 2017 9:00 am 1:00 pm.

Planning Commission Report: The planning commission met April 4, 2017 for a special use permit by an organization call Haven's Door. for a foster care home to house up to 30 children from infants to age 18. They had a public discussion, several members of the public were opposed to it. Training coming up in May, four are interested in attending. Demolition of old school in progress. Sign for lawn care is back up, has been turned over to attorney.

JCCA Report: By Randy Martin: There is nothing new to report, they have funding until August.

Motion by Alan Johns seconded by Walter Nelson to pay the General Fund vendor Bills (\$11,564.14), General Fund Payroll Bills (\$6,635.45) and the Fire Department Vendor Bills (\$32,716.59) Fire Department Payroll Bills (\$1,084.82) Roll call vote, 5 aye, 0 nay, motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Joe Kaszuba asked why Havens Door would not use the buildings the tribe owns at the old Regional Center.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on cemetery improvements, the materials for the fence at Two Rivers Cemetery is ordered..

Discussion on parking lot improvements, we are waiting on a quote from the surveyor.

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Discussion on Common Angle Contract postponed waiting on quote from Trivalent.

The freezer is in for the kitchen, still waiting for a bargain to purchase a cabinet.

We need to put down a marker for the location for the township hall sign.

New Business:

There has been nothing further on the brewery permit request so it will be taken off the agenda..

The board discussed the accountant's engagement letter, action was postponed again waiting for the accountant to put a time on the get out clause.

The board discussed the mowing agreement quote from Brian Moulter, motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Randy Martin to accept the quote for mowing hall grounds and cemeteries for \$3,750.00, \$20.00 per hour for extra labor and \$40.00 to empty the four barrels each time at Two Rivers Cemetery, roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried.

The board discussed road maintenance contracts with the road commission for this year, motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Connie Lynch to approve the following contracts;

Overlay Deerfield from Winn to Vandecar \$79,771.17

Refresh gravel Gilmore Road from Pickard to River \$7,742.67

Refresh gravel Millbrook Road Winn to Gilmore \$7,742.67

Refresh Limestone Vandecar Road from Deerfield to Millbrook \$30,614.95

Refresh Limestone Gilmore Road from Broomfield to end \$35,751.77

Roll call vote 5 aye 0 nay, motion carried,

The lawn care sign is back up and the attorney is drafting a violation. Alan Johns expressed frustration regarding problems with zoning and suggested discussions on going back with the county, Walter Nelson expressed strong opposition to returning to county zoning.

The board discussed planning and zoning Appointments, motioned by Walter Nelson seconded by Connie Lynch to re-appoint Roger Lintemuth and Virginia Wood to three year terms to the planning commission and re-appoint Joe Carroll to a three year term to the ZBA, motion carried.

Public Comments: Tim Murphy reported the assessor qualifies as a contractor, Commissioner Frank Engler reported on issues at the county level. Fire Department Breakfast set for May 7, 2017.

Motioned by Connie Lynch seconded by Walter Nelson to adjourn, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Walter Nelson

Deerfield Township Clerk