

MINUTES  
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

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

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

Nine others were also present.

Agenda additions: None

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

Motioned by Alan Johns seconded by Randy Martin to approve the minutes of August 20, 2012 Regular Meeting and August 27, 2012 Special Meeting, motion carried.

Treasurers Report was given by Lynne Wyatt, filed for audit.

Fire Department Report was given by Assistant Chief Mark Nerbonne: Fire Dept. is waiting on insurance check for wrecked tender. Replacement truck is waiting in southeast Michigan. Suggested electronic transfer when the check comes is received. Nerbonne noted that a seven-year tire inspection was coming up and that any tire 10 years old or older must be replaced. There could be several tires in this category.

Planning Commission Report: Alan Johns reported that the Planning Commission was making good progress on the five-year review of Township Ordinances. Some updating remains and the project is expected to be completed in early 2013.

JCCA Report by Lynne Wyatt: Building activity is picking up.

Motion by Randy Martin, Seconded by Lynne Wyatt to pay the General Fund Vendor Bills (\$16,167.67), General Fund Payroll Bills (\$5,716.99) Fire Department Vendor Bills (\$1,527.07) and Fire Department Payroll Bills (\$571.89). Roll call vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

The board received a report that the block heater has been installed and an electric outlet added to the emergency generator unit as part of the maintenance proposal by Wolverine Power Systems.

The replacement process for the wrecked water tender was discussed during the Fire Department report.

Tim Murphy reported that he had been in discussions noting that traffic fine revenues due to Deerfield Township could be retained until the Board decides what to do with them. They can be divided between libraries serving the township.

Hall and grounds discussion focused on painting and landscaping. Two painting contractors were contacted but did not bid on the interior painting of the township hall. Further bids will be sought. On the

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landscaping issue, the board discussed looking into having Brian Moulder, who does the mowing on the grounds and spring cemetery cleanup, handle upkeep on the landscaping.

Some concrete repair is needed in front of the Fire Department bays where it has settled and frozen and heaved. It was decided to get bids on repairing the area, with tiles running from the downspouts to divert rainwater.

**New Business:**

The board discussed the information that had been distributed on changes for zoning at the Isabella County level. Deerfield Township has its own zoning administration, but there was support for writing a letter to the Isabella County Commission voicing concerns over removing zoning work now being done by the county for townships that do not have their own.

The board's representative to the Joint Construction Code Authority has been Lynne Wyatt, who will be leaving the board in November. It was moved by Alan Johns and seconded by Lynne Wyatt to appoint Randy Martin as the replacement on the JCCA, effective immediately, motion carried.

The board reviewed designs and cost estimates for additions to the Fire Dept. area and office, storage and hall expansion. It was moved by Alan Johns and seconded by Randy Martin to direct Clerk Walter Nelson to write a Two Percent Grant Request to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe in the amount of \$200,000, motion carried. Supervisor Tim Murphy pointed out that township residents that served on a hall and grounds needs committee should be thanked for their valued assistance with the project.

New Township Assessor Denise Hall attended the meeting after being hired at a Special Meeting August 27, 2012. She started Sept. 1 and introduced herself to the board and audience. A contract through May, 2014 was signed.

**Public Comments:**

John Montross questioned pursuing building plans with the board changing in November. It was noted one board member was being replaced and there were some deadlines to meet to keep the project moving forward.

Janet Rice asked about followup on repairing and repositioning grave stones at the cemeteries in Deerfield Township. There have been discussions concerning the work and policies from another cemetery have been shared with board members.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Randy Martin, seconded by Alan Johns to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Roger Lintemuth

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Deerfield Township Deputy Clerk