

Trustee Meeting – February 12, 2018

The Board of Deerfield Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 2018, at 7:00pm, with Trustees Mark Bann, Ed Dean and Randy Wilburn present. Chairman Bann opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mark moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the Special Meeting and approve them as written. Ed seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous. Mark moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve them as written. Ed seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous. Ed made a motion to accept the January financial statements as presented. Mark seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Communications:

- Portage County Board of Commissioners sent a copy of a resolution to reduce to load limits 35% on all county and township roads in Portage County effective January 31, 2018, or as soon thereafter as signs are posted.
- Portage County Engineer sent a copy of Resolution No. 18-0078 recently adopted by the Portage County Commissioners. This resolution lists all Portage County bridges which are either closed or posted for weight reductions. Currently, there are no bridges on this list in Deerfield Township.
- Portage County Engineers sent a form that needs to be confirmed and returned to Mr. Marozzi confirming 16.262 road mileage in Deerfield Township. Ed made a motion to accept 16.262 of mileage in Deerfield Township. Mark seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Fire Department: Brian Allison submitted a written report for the fire department on activity since the last meeting. The fire department is up to 40 runs for the year, of which 22 runs took place since the last meeting.

Brian Allison received letters of resignation from the Deerfield Fire Department from Kevin Bittner, Tim Beadnall, Nickolette Botsford & Chris Dietz. Kevin Bittner turned all of this equipment in and Tim Beadnall will be returning his in the upcoming week.

Robert Donovan submitted an application to be a member of the Deerfield Fire Department. Robert currently resides in Deerfield, Ohio and is interested in becoming a firefight and EMT.

The Deerfield Fire Department drug license needs renewed at a cost of \$220.00. Ed made a motion to renew this license at \$220. Mark seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Brian Allison inquired if the Trustees would pay for him to attend the FireFighter's Conference in Indianapolis in April 2018. Mark made a motion to reimburse Brian for room and board, registration fees, mileage and meals. Ed seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Road Department:

Since the last meeting, general maintenance and some temporary patching on the roads has been done. The road department has straightened some road signs and put back up. They have been greasing & servicing trucks and getting caught up from winter.

The road department is requesting approval to purchase four (4) cutting edge savers for the small truck at approximately \$30 each.

ODOT is requesting a letter from the Deerfield Township Trustees on letterhead to conduct a speed reduction survey from the Deerfield Circle to the bridge on State Route 14. This process can take a year or longer to complete this process. Ed made a motion to prepare this letter to have them complete a speed reduction survey. Mark seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

The warranty has been extended on the Ambulance and the 2012 F450 to 12 years, 110,000 miles from 10 years, 100,000 miles. The exhaust has a potential recall.

Smith Township is patrolling Johnson Road for overweight & loaded trucks.

Buildings & Grounds:

Randy Wilburn picked up the paperwork from Janet Esposito to assess the taxes on the property cleaned up at Reagan's & behind Island Creek Grille to be completed and returned.

New Business: The Southeast Portage County Lions Club would like to use the Deerfield Township 4 Thursdays a month to host a membership drive and a Queen of Hearts Game potentially in the future.

A Deerfield Township resident inquired as to why the minutes are not read at each meeting. The Trustees indicated this is not a requirement and the minutes and financial information are available upon public records request.

A Deerfield Township resident inquired if the Deerfield Township Trustees could release the list of properties being cleaned up in Deerfield Township. Mark indicated the list will be released at a later date after the title searches have been completed. Once the property has been condemned, the homeowner can choose whom they hire to tear down.

A Deerfield Township resident inquired about the recycling center and how it is paid for. The Trustees explained that the Township pays for the recycling bins annually and maintenance out of the Township funds to prevent the residents from having to have individual pick-up and charged personally.

The following bills were presented for Trustees' inspection and approval: See Payment Register attached.

Mark made a motion to pay these bills and adjourn the meeting. Ed seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer