

Trustee Meeting – February 26, 2018

The Board of Deerfield Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, February 26, 2018, at 7:00pm, with Trustees Mark Bann, Ed Dean and Randy Wilburn present. Chairman Wilburn opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. 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.

Communications:

- Portage County Combined General Health District attended the meeting to invite the Trustees to attend their dinner meeting on March 21, 2018 at 6:00pm. The function of the meeting is for the Trustees to vote on the Board for the Board of Health Members. They also handed out a packet of information of what the health department does for you. They run the food, pool, campground and mosquito control. They also follow-up on housing complaints. Lindsey Smith attended from the WasteWater Treatment Division. Chris Reese also attended the meeting which is a nurse at the Department. They hold an adult clinic on Tuesdays from 8:00am – 10:00am & provide cheap vaccinations for individuals without insurance from 8:00am – noon on Wednesdays for children. They have a children with disabilities program where they track and oversee the handicap children in the county. They hold a free health education department, which provides pack and plays, bicycle helmets, motorcycle stickers, etc.

Portage County provided a brief description of the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, which is a principal forgiveness program for low to moderate income households of which monies are dispersed from a pool of \$300,000 last year, \$300,000 this year and \$200,000 the following year to repair or replace malfunctioning septic systems. Last year, 3 out of 25 total replacements were done in Deerfield Township.

Neighborhood Development Program also pairs with the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, which is a program to help with more general home repairs.

Fire Department: Brian Allison submitted a written report for the fire department on activity since the last meeting. The fire department is up to 57 runs for the year, of which 17 runs took place since the last meeting.

Brian submitted receipts to be reimbursed for bed bug spray he had to purchase in an emergency to disinfect the ambulance. Mark made a motion to reimburse Brian for the bed bug spray he purchased and pay to purchase an additional 5 cans of spray to have on hand at the Deerfield Fire Department. Ed seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Road Department:

Ed made a motion to pay for all road patch materials needed to repair Township roads. Mark seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Since the last meeting, general maintenance and some temporary patching on the roads has been done.

Notman Road is closed until further notice at the State Route 224 exit due to 2 out of 3 culverts being compromised. They put 20 tons of stone on each side to be leveled out if there were to be an emergency and access is needed.

Buildings & Grounds:

Randy Wilburn picked up the paperwork from Janet Esposito to assess the taxes on the property cleaned up at 9044 Fewtown Road in Deerfield and 72 State Route 14 in North Benton to be completed and returned.

RESOLUTION 18-10:

A RESOLUTION 18-10 authorizing the fiscal officer to certify the removal costs for the structure located at 9044 Fewtown Road, Deerfield, Ohio 44411 and having permanent parcel no.'s 08-039-00-00-012-000, 08-039-00-00-013-000, 08-039-00-00-014-000 & 08-039-00-00-015-000.

Ed "Charles" seconded the motion, and the roll was called on the question of its adoption. The vote was as follows:

Randy Wilburn	Yes
Charles Dean	Yes
Mark Bann	Yes

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RESOLUTION 18-11:

A RESOLUTION 18-11 authorizing the fiscal officer to certify the removal costs for the structure located at 72 State Route 14, North Benton, Ohio 44449 and having permanent parcel no. 08-012-00-00-021-000.

Ed "Charles" seconded the motion, and the roll was called on the question of its adoption. The vote was as follows:

Randy Wilburn	Yes
Charles Dean	Yes
Mark Bann	Yes

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New Business: Randy made a motion to temporarily suspend the health insurance for Deerfield Township employees until further notice due to budget constraints. The eye and dental will continue to be in effect since they are paid personally by the employee.

A Deerfield resident inquired about how we can attract more businesses to Deerfield Township. The Trustees explained that you must have 2 acres of land in order to put in a septic. Several businesses will require public water and sewer in order to come to our area.

The Trustees inquired about the status of the Deerfield Township Zoning Commission. They indicated they have four members at this time and would like to start meeting.

Cecilia Swanson with the Portage County District Library attended the meeting. She indicated that if the library does not get more usage, they will have to remove it from the Deerfield Town Hall. The Trustees suggested obtaining a mailing list from the Board of Elections and mail out a brochure that provides information about it and its location to the residents of Deerfield Township to raise awareness. Several residents still do not know about the Portage County District Libraries existence here at the Deerfield Town Hall.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer