

Trustee Meeting – April 09, 2018

The Board of Deerfield Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, April 09, 2018, at 6:00pm, 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 previous meeting and approve them as written. Ed seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

Mark Bann	Yes
Ed Dean	Yes
Randy Wilburn	Abstained Since Absent

Communications:

- Portage County Regional Planning Commission sent the application for their 2018 CDBG Community Development Allocation Grant. The forms must be returned by April 20, 2018.

Fire Department: Brian Allison submitted a written report for the fire department on activity since the last meeting. The fire department is up to 97 runs for the year, of which 15 runs took place since the last meeting.

Brian Allison received notification from Kevin Bittner that he would like to be reconsidered for the Deerfield Fire Department. He resigned in February 2018. He is a paramedic and his fire card is still current.

Brian Allison indicated they needed two (2) thermal batteries at a cost of \$162 each. Mark made a motion to approve the purchase of these two batteries. Ed seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Clair Simpson is due to renew his inspector continued education through Portage Fire Prevention Association at a cost of \$35. Ed made a motion to pay for this training. Mark seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Per the Deerfield Township prosecutor, Deerfield Township has been recommended to step back from contracting as an agent with the Deerfield Race Track to provide services for their races due to lack of information and liability purposes. The employees of the Deerfield Township are permitted to be hired directly permitting they do not wear Deerfield Township attire nor use the equipment of Deerfield Township.

Road Department:

The Deerfield Township Trustees are going to contact the sheriff to patrol the local roads for speed.

The road department will be working on fixing roads this upcoming week. Asphalt plants will be opening. The State of Ohio has loaned a hot box for Deerfield Township's use.

Road Department (Continued):

The Deerfield Township Trustees will go visit the business on Watson Road to inquire if they are willing to donate to repair the roads due to their heavy usage during construction.

Ed made a motion to purchase road patch material as needed. Mark seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Buildings & Grounds:

The paint is chipping in the cemeteries and the driveways have holes that need to be repaired. As soon as the weather breaks, they will be working on these repairs as time permits.

The sign at the Deerfield Circle should be up in the next couple weeks.

New Business: The Deerfield Township spring clean-up will be held on June 8-9, 2018 from 8:00am to 4:30pm.

NOPEC has \$1,500 available to a Deerfield Township organization that holds public events. Ed made a motion to nominate the Civic Association for this money. Mark seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

A Deerfield resident inquired who the full time employees of the township were that were eligible for health insurance when it was available. They are as follows: The Deerfield Township Trustees, The Deerfield Township Fiscal Officer, The Road Superintendent and the Assistant Road Supervisor.

A Deerfield resident inquired about the signs for State Route 14. The Trustees indicated they are waiting on road re-evaluation & will be months before they hear back.

The Deerfield Circle Restaurant will be opening in the upcoming week.

A Deerfield resident inquired about lights on in the Deerfield Cemetery after dark. The Trustees indicated no one should be back there after dark. However, if the wind was blowing, the motion lights could have been on.

The next court date regarding the ballfields will be held on July 23, 2018.

A candidate running for Portage County Commissioner, Tony Badalmenti visited the meeting and introduced himself. He is running against Mr. Kerrigan. He briefly discussed the local government distribution.

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 6:55pm.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer