

Trustee Meeting – April 23, 2018

The Board of Deerfield Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, April 23, 2018, at 6:00pm, with Trustees Mark Bann and Ed Dean 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 unanimous. Mark made a motion to accept the March financial statements as presented. Ed seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Communications:

- Ohio Labor Law Poster Service sent Deerfield Township an offer to purchase one complete set of 2018 state and federal posters at a cost of \$89.50. The Trustees are going to inquire about getting the federal and state posters at a discounted price or free of charge.

Fire Department: Brian Allison submitted a written report for the fire department on activity since the last meeting. The fire department is up to 121 runs for the year, of which 33 runs took place since the last meeting.

Brian reported the road department is looking for a local company to complete the warranty repairs that need to be made on the ambulance. As of now, the closest shop is in Pennsylvania.

Brian requested light bulbs for all trucks and equipment be purchased for the Fire Department. The Trustees said they will notify the road department to inventory what is needed & get them on order.

Mark Bann inquired about the cost of basic training for the Deerfield Fire Department. Brian indicated the cost is approximately \$950. The Trustees would like to create a contract to guarantee service over a predetermined # of years with a required attendance % for showing up on calls going forward. They had a brief discussion with Brian to assist them with an appropriate and fair %. Brian will look into it and bring them information to the next meeting.

Mark Bann indicated he would like to get more information on pricing for radios. The intent is to try to purchase approximately 1-2 per year. Brian will ask around at the Conference he is attending and will report back at the next meeting.

Mark Bann contacted Chris Meduri regarding the requirements for those working in the station. He informed Brian Chris Meduri recommended he call the Certification Office in Columbus, Ohio to inquire about the minimum requirements to work the fire station.

Road Department:

The road department will be working on patching roads this upcoming week.

Road Department (Continued):

The Road Department is attending a meeting with the County this week to discuss Issue II monies that are available to assist with repairing roads. The program is supposed to pay a % of the road repairs. The Trustees will need to discuss the guidelines as to what the monies can be used for.

A Deerfield resident inquired about the road being closed at Notman Road. The Trustees indicated the repairs have been started.

Yale Road will be closed between State Route 225 & McClintocksburg Road beginning May 1, 2018 for approximately 30 days.

Buildings & Grounds:

The Road Department will be working on mowing and the grounds in the upcoming weeks.

Ed made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 on mulch, grass seed, fertilizer, etc. Mark seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Ed met with Ohio Means Jobs Program Coordinator, Helene Leightener to discuss their program that provides grant money for help free of charge to the Township. The County pays the payroll & workers comp on these individuals that participate. The only cost to the Township is the recordkeeping fees. Deerfield Township is going to request 2-4 individuals to interview for work up to 20 hours per week each.

New Business: Trustees intend to opt out at the next meeting where all elected officials are present in order to get the road department health insurance. They are looking into the option for elected officials to pay 100% of their insurance while Deerfield Township can pay a % of the Road Department insurance.

Brandon Dorsey inquired about why the Deerfield Fire Chief is not eligible for health insurance through Deerfield Township. The Trustees indicated Brian Allison was appointed and not an elected official.

Brandon Dorsey complained about the Deerfield Fiscal Officer not being available to notarize a title for him. The Trustees indicated it is not the responsibility of the Deerfield Fiscal Officer to notarize a title. If she chooses to notarize a title, it is done out of a courtesy and not as a requirement.

Paula Baughman visited the meeting to discuss the Home Instead Program. The Program will be offer

A Deerfield resident indicated a sign is needed on Wagner Road.

The septic has been denied for the business on Fewtown Road & therefore is not running his business there at this time.

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 6:50pm.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer