

Trustee Meeting – May 29, 2018

The Board of Deerfield Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at 6:00pm, with Trustees Ed Dean, Mark Bann 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:

- The Portage County Combined General Health District issued an inspection report. Comments include a suggestion to have tanks pumped as soon as possible. Ed made a motion to have these tanks pumped. Mark seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Fire Department:

Brian submitted a written report for the fire department on activity since the last meeting. The fire department is up to 171 runs for the year, of which 13 took place since the last meeting.

The bar light on tanker truck #1418 is not functioning properly. The cost to repair could be up to \$1,000. Mark made a motion to replace the light if the road department is unable to repair. Ed seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Active 911 membership needs renewed at a cost of approximately \$350 to be notified across the phones. Mark made a motion to pay these membership fees. Ed seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

The Fire Department provided a Memorandum of Understanding from the Fire Investigation Unit to the Deerfield Township Trustees to discuss at the next meeting.

Per Chuck, the brakes were smoking on the chase truck during the Edinburg parade. The road department feels that they are ok at this time.

Nicholas Schreckengost submitted an application to the Deerfield Fire Department. He is currently resides and actively working for Palmyra township and has a current physical card, EMT Basic and FireFighter I card. Ed made a motion to accept his application. Randy seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Road Department: The Road Department received a quote on a chip and seal unit. Edinburg Township is interested in possibly splitting the cost with us.

After Deerfield clean-up, the road department plans to berm the roads then begin roadside mowing.

Road Department (Continued):

The Trustees requested quotes from the road department for the Carters Ford project. The Corps of Engineers have changed their minds and intend to pay half the cost. The road department is going to inquire about pricing on an excavator. They are going to ask the gentlemen on Wagner Road if he still has his equipment the Township could borrow.

Buildings & Grounds: Ed made a motion to pay for 21 yards of red mulch that needed to be purchased from Mount Union Mill in preparation for Memorial Day. Mark seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Deerfield Township received a quote from Tallmadge Asphalt to repair Deerfield Town Hall parking lot. They are currently waiting on a quote from Gary Slider of Everbrite as well. A Deerfield resident inquired about putting in drainage under the parking lot. The Trustees had a short discussion about the work to be done on the parking lot.

The Trustees indicated the Deerfield Cemetery needs attention on the roads.

A car ran through the Deerfield Circle since the last meeting. They are expecting a report from the State Highway Patrol & will start working on quotes for the insurance company to get repaired. The Trustees would like to upgrade to LED lights if possible.

The road department is going to provide Ohio Edison with a count of lights. Ohio Edison will then be sending quotes to the Engineering Department to upgrade lights to LED to increase brightness. They anticipate the cost to only increase slightly.

New Business:

The road department was provided new quotes for health insurance. Once they decide which plan they would like to proceed with, insurance will be put back into place for the road department.

A Deerfield resident inquired about the status of the south side of German Church Road. He indicated the road has several holes. The Trustees indicated technically Mahoning County is responsible for repairs on this road. The Trustees had a heated discussion with the resident on repairing this road. The Trustees indicated they have been verbally working with Mahoning County to get a plan to have this road repaired.

A Deerfield resident inquired about the status of the lawsuit regarding the ownership and usage of the building at the ball fields. The Trustees indicated the pre-trial is set for July 16, 2018 and the hearing is scheduled for July 23, 2018.

A Deerfield resident had a complaint that he feels his name and other names in the community have been slandered. He threatened to sue the Township if he hears of the Trustees or other elected officials in the community talking badly about anyone in the community again.

Revenues received: See Revenue Receipt Register attached.

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

Randy 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