

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**July 13, 2020 FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor, R. Fountaine, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present R. Fountaine, D. Wellman, R. Scott, D. Brown, A Wagner

Members absent: None

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**5. AGENDA**

Motion, A. Wagner, support D. Brown CARRIED to approve the Agenda.

**6. MINUTES**

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2020

Motion, A. Wagner, support D. Wellman CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular meeting minutes.

**7. REPORTS**

Received Reports.

- a. Financial Reports June 2020: The Treasurer and Clerk were in balance with the bank.

Motion, R. Fountaine, support R. Scott, CARRIED, to acknowledge the financial reports for June 2020

- b. Zoning Administrator Report June 2020:

Motion, A. Wagner, support R. Scott CARRIED, to acknowledge the Zoning Administrator report for June 2020.

- c. Assessors Report June 2020

Motion, R. Fountaine, support A. Wagner CARRIED, to acknowledge the Assessors Report for June 2020.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Hearing Notice State of Michigan/Upper Peninsula Power Co
- b. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Minutes May 26th, 2020
- c. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes June 4th, 2020.

**9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

- a. Fireman's Report June 2020– Maintenance Reports/Treasurer's report. Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.

Motion, R. Fountaine, support A. Wagner CARRIED, to acknowledge the Fire report.

- b. Fire Chief Updates:  
Maintenance and billing updates.
- c. There was 1 fire call for June, billed.
- d. MFR. Fire Chief states he will check with other departments to see if there is a need for MFR equipment.

**10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

- a. Water System Report March 2020

Motion, G. Boudreau, support, R. Fountaine CARRIED, to acknowledge the water report for June 2020.

- b. Water Operator updates. Normal month with normal usage.
- c. Billing register May 2020

Motion A. Wagner, support R. Scott G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to acknowledge the billing register for June 2020.

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Census tabled. Extended until 10/31/2020.
- b. Marijuana tabled.
- c. River Cemetery tabled until we hear back from Rory Mattson
- d. 2020 Spring update
- e. Audit

Motion, A. Wagner, support D. Brown, CARRIED, to hire Bruce Dewar for Township Audit.

- f. F65 taken care of by Supervisor.
- g. 911 Signs T. Nelson gave update. The Township really needs to get going on this, it has been quite a long time and nothing has been done to verify addresses.
- h. Supervisor interviews

Motion, R. Scott, support D. Brown, CARRIED, to appoint Jill Martin to the vacant Supervisor position.

- i. Maintenance interviews

Motion, D. Wellman, support R. Scott, CARRIED, to hire George LaFave for maintenance at the Hall.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Payment of bills:

Motion R. Fountaine, support, R. Scott, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$16,899.73 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$8,160.23.

- b. 2020 Millage Rates

Motion A. Wagner, support, D. Wellman to approve 2020 millage rates.

c. Cooper Office

Motion D. Wellman, support, D. Brown, CARRIED, to purchase a color copier from Cooper Office for \$2,832.53 plus the Sorter for \$576.37, plus a onetime membership fee to the State of Michigan \$180.00. This price includes trade in on two old copiers.

- d. Board of Review Next Board of review is July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Need to run ad for new member. Supervisor wants the minutes to reflect there was an error on her paycheck for March 2019. She received 50.00 from the Board of Review that she was not supposed to receive. Her concern now 16 months later, is that it will be caught on audit and she won't be here to speak to it.
- e. Website: Supervisor will train new supervisor to update website with meeting information.
- f. Staples will be invoice only. Supervisor has removed her credit card from account.
- g. Penozza

Motion, A. Wagner, support, R. Scott to hire Penozza Pest Control for a total of \$365.00 to spray hall and grounds outbuildings and water dept buildings.  
on.

- h. Resignation Zoning Board of Appeals. L. Heroux has resigned so we need to run an ad for Board of Appeals.
- i. Parking Lot paving

Motion, R. Scott, support, D. Wellman, CARRIED, to approve Arnt asphalt to seal and re-stripe parking lot \$7,985.00.

- j. Maintenance Notes: Tad leaves notes for new maintenance person.

**13. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT**

Sept 14, 2020 at 5:30pm we will have food and cake for G. Boudreau and D. Wellman for their time on the board.

Brian Nelson thanks Rachael for her time on the board. He asks to be notified of parking lot paving because of fire calls.

R. Scott states we have very little Commercial property in existence and we should work on this going forward. He would like to see Ford River Township Master plan.

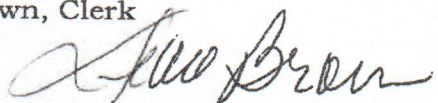
D. Jahnke would like to know who will pay for 911 street signs if they were to get damaged. We will have to look at this at a later date.

R. Nelson asks if there is a card available for purchase gas and necessities for the cemetery. He also thanks Gary, Del and Rachael for their time on the Board.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion R. Scott, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:44pm.

Debbi Brown, Clerk

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Approved:

