

Ford River Township Regular Board Meeting

January 14, 2019 Ford River Township Hall

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Role Call:

Members present: A Wagner, R. Fountaine, D. Wellman, R. Zoch

Members Absent: G Boudreau

Audience Sheet attached.

Public Comment On Agenda Items:

None

Approval of Agenda:

Add under Unfinished Business Part C. Training Pay to Agenda, Minutes are correct
Motion R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED to approve the New Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED to approve Meeting Meetings

Acknowledgment of Reports:

Audience member pointed out all reports the board members were about to discuss and acknowledge were mistyped in the agenda stating 2019 of Dec instead of 2018 of Dec. Motion R.Fountaine, Second, A. Wagner, CARRIED to approve a corrected Agenda.

A. Financial Report for Dec 2018

- a. Moved R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner , CARRIED to approve Financial Report

B. Zoning Administrator Report of December 2018

- a. Move A. Wagner, seconded, R. Zoch, CARRIED to approve Zoning Administrator Report.

C. Assessor Report November 2018

- a. Assessor T. Weissert was present and introduced herself to the Twp., read her report, and opened the floor to questions. R. Fountaine requested for her budget other than normal office supplies like stamps.

- b. Move A. Wagner, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED to approve Assessor Report.

Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Ford River Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes Dec. 2018
- B. Ford River Township Planning Commission 2018 Annual Report Minutes
- C. Delta Solid Waste Management Regular Meeting Minutes November 27, 2018.

Motion A. Wagner, second R. Zoch, CARRIED to approved all Consent Agenda Items.

Fire Department Business:

- A. Received the Fireman's Report, Maintenance Reports, and Treasurer's Report for December 2018. Fire Chief, Brian Nelson was present.
 - a. Moved A. Wagner, seconded, R. Zoch, CARRIED to approved all Fireman's Reports listed in A.
 - B. Fire Chief Updates:
 - a. Boot collected \$21.00, regular maintenance on firetrucks, one member resigned due to lack of time. Issues with Delta County Dispatch updating informational page for meetings and trainings. FR Chief Suggested maybe the Delta County Twp Association could support in this issue. R. Fountaine willing to help in matter.
 - C. Three Fire Calls in December one billable. Billable Fire Call already paid.
 - D. MFR
 - a. 10 Calls in Dec. Total to year 119 calls Fiscal year 93 calls. Lost 2 medics but gained 2.
 - b. Looking to purchase pagers separate from the Fire Department
- Move A. Wagner, second R. Zoch, CARRIED to approve MFR Report.

Water System Business:

- A. Water System Report - December 2018
Motion A. Wagner, second R. Zoch, Carried to approve Water Report.
- B. Billing Register
 - a. R. Zoch explained her issues with the billing software and gave examples of how and why all the bills we hand adjusted to insure the board and the audience the bills will billed out correctly.

- b. 5027 M-35 A. Wagner asked if a separate bill was created and if R. Zoch would check to make sure it was billed because A. Wagner knows they pay. R. Zoch will check billing history.

Motion A. Wagner, second R. Zoch, CARRIED to approve Billing Register

C. 4231 E M-35 Letter to the Board

- a. Customer asks the board to forgive leak due to his heat tape on the pipes failed because of a GFI outlet failure. Mark states he was not shut off yet for the season. The leak was completely under his house not under ground. The customer did act quick to correct the issue. R. Zoch needs to pull the last two months and compare other normal usage to come up with a total to forgive for next meeting in February.

D. E4831/E4833

- a. Cont. of last month letter to written about fixing leak between houses. Customer wants one house to be billed at \$49 and one at \$25 since no one is in the other house. Since the water cannot be shut off at the pit we cannot violate the ordinance. Customers request is denied to bring one bill down to \$25 and R.Zoch will send Water Ordinance again and letter as discussed December Meeting.

E. Amazon Business Account

- a. Amanda will look into it, table for a month.

F. DEQ Letter

- a. FR Water originally sent in metals tests for compliance but due to the wrong tests being ran we were not in compliance. FR Twp. had to run tests again so we are now in compliance. All tests came back good. Letters are posted in the case for the public records.

Unfinished Business:

A. Hall Rental

- a. R. Zoch typed up a new Hall Rental agreement to update the removal of the phone line and make a \$50 non-refundable deposit that go towards the hall rental to hold the hall for the intended future date.
- b. R. Fountaine asked to table to discuss insurance further.

B. Audit update

- a. US Treasury contacted us and we explained our predicament, which in return they offered to directly contact our auditor directly deal with them. Audit will be submitted within the week and the F-65 by the end of the month. She will contact us if he has not followed through.

C. Training Pay

- a. All Township Boards(Planning Commission, ZBA, BOR, & Township Board) and Twp. employees. approved Training and workshops. Receive \$50.00 per half day (4 hours or less) and \$100.00 per day (over 4 hours). Meals will be reimbursed up to \$10 when over 4 hours including travel time. Township pays standard State of MI (\$0.58) per mile for all attendees that are on official township business (Dec 2019).
 - i. Motion, A. Wagner, support, R. Zoch, D. Wellman Apposes, MOTION passes.

New Business:

A. Payment of Bills

- a. Motion to Pay bills, support, R. Fontaine, A. Wagner, MOTION passes.
 - i. GF total: \$32,416.84
 - ii. WF total: \$2,440.05

B. 2019 Board of Review Training

- a. Approval up 5 for training \$91.00 ea, \$455.00 discounted.
Motion, A. Wagner the non-discounted rate of \$565.00, second R. Zoch, Motion passes.

C. Budget.

- a. Get numbers for budget for upcoming workshop to set next fiscal year budget for 2019/2020

D. Training Pay for Clerk

- a. R. Zoch requests to have the 75 remaining hours at \$12/hr to be transferred to Tammy Weissert a trained Clerk to help train R. Zoch with election and other Clerk duties.
- b. Move A. Wagner, second R. Fontaine, Motion passes.

Public and Board Comment:

- A. Jill Martin, update on NMU internet, more reliable but still not the best. Looking into a better internet source. Move public act broadband infrastructure as a local tax option. Maybe check into putting NMU on the FR water tower. Teresa Nelson invited everyone to the New Delta County Jail Open House.

Meeting Adjournment:

A. Motion to adjourn, A. Wagner, support R. Zoch, MOTION passes to adjourn.

8:14 pm

Rio Zoch, Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rio Zoch', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Approved

02/11/2019