

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 10, 2019 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, G. Boudreau, A. Wagner, D. Brown
Members absent: None
Audience sheet attached.

Supervisor R. Fountaine welcomes new Clerk, Debbi Brown

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. AGENDA

Motion, G. Boudreau, support A. Wagner, CARRIED to approve the Agenda.

6. MINUTES

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes – May 2019

Amend minutes to reflect amount for dust control. 12D

Amend by adding in USDA funding to T. Nelsons comment 13A

Amend A. Wagner's statement regarding abandonment of retirement funds. 13A

Motion, A. Wagner, support G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular meeting minutes with changes.

Township Board Special Meeting -May 29, 2019

Motion, G. Boudreau, support R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Special Meeting minutes.

7. REPORTS

Received Reports.

- a. May 2019 Financial Reports: The Treasurer and Clerk were in balance with the bank.

Motion, G. Boudreau, support R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to acknowledge the financial reports.

- b. Zoning Administrator Report:

Motion, A. Wagner, support G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the Zoning Administrator Report.

- c. Assessors Report:

Motion G. Boudreau, support A. Wagner, CARRIED to accept the Assessors Report.

8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – May 2019
- b. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority - April 2019
- c. Delta County Township Association - April 2019
- d. Charter Letter
- e. Assessor’s contract was previously approved and is signed by all parties.

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Received Fireman’s Report of May 2019– Maintenance Reports/Treasurer’s report. Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.

Motion, G. Boudreau, support A. Wagner CARRIED, to accept the Fire report.

- b. Fire Chief Updates:
Maintenance and billing updates.
It is not clear what has been billed for fire calls. Clerk finds no documentation of billing. Will check and update billing.
- c. 1 fire call for May 2019. It is not billable.
Fire Chief was concerned about the DNR 2018 Fiscal year Subrecipient Audit Requirement form that did not get filled out and returned. Clerk will look into it.
- d. Todd Holland gave MFR report. 2019 total calls for May were 12. Calendar year to date is 53. Fiscal year 27.

10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. May 2019 water system report was received. Mark Rose was present.
Standard water business – seasonal turn-ons, Miss Digs.

Motion, G. Boudreau, support A. Wagner CARRIED, to accept the Water System report.

- b. Billing register had a few issues concerning the way some bills were adjusted incorrectly but the amounts were correct. This issue will be correct on the next billing cycle.

Motion, G. Boudreau, support A. Wagner CARRIED, to accept the Billing Register.

- c. DEQ service line letter
- d. Certification renewal for water operator

Motion, A Wagner, seconded G. Boudreau CARRIED, to approve \$95.00 for renewal.

- e. Roof quotes. 2 quotes were received to install metal roof at Water dept. pump house.

Motion, G. Boudreau, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED . for CJR General Services to replace roof \$2,925.00 provided CJR shows current insurance.

11.UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Audit update. R. Fountaine met with Auditor and it should be completed next month.
- b. Three Water Heater quotes were presented.

Motion, A. Wagner, support G. Boudreau CARRIED for Don's HVAC, Inc. to replace the hot water heater at the town hall for \$1662.43

- c. Landscape quotes. The board decided it would be more cost-effective to replace the existing lawn mower with a new one. Quotes were provided at the April 2019 meeting. It was decided to go with Northgate provided they would still honor this price as the quote was only valid for 30 days. There was a suggestion of trading in old mowers and/or replacing the mower at water tower with old one from Hall.

Motion, G. Boudreau, support A. Wagner, CARRIED to buy new lawn mower from Northgate for \$4,750.00.

- d. Chart of accounts tabled until audit is completed.
- e. i. Cemetery fee increase notification needs to be sent to all area funeral homes and update paperwork. The cemetery notice of contacts also needs updating. The Discussion to pay sexton the additional \$100.00 for burial. Clerk will look into paperwork necessary to change pre-pay of burial. Board wants any pre-pay to have a balance due if rates increase before the actual burial.

Motion, G. Boudreau, support R. Fountaine, CARRIED to pay sexton an additional \$100.00 for May burial.

- ii. A residents personal items were removed from West Cemetery by a neighbor who was asked to do lawn maintenance by a Ford River Township employee.

Motion, R Fountaine, support G. Boudreau. CARRIED to reimburse Mr. Gagnon \$130.00 for personal items removed.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Payment of bills:
Discussion concerning former Clerks pay from County for special election.
Clarification on an employees pay voucher

Motion G. Boudreau, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$21,420.86 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$2,939.64. With the exception of \$300.00 for former Clerk who needs to finish paperwork to be reimbursed from Delta County Clerk for Special election.

- b. A letter of support is requested from Ford River Township to STZ , Launch Initiative.

Motion, G. Boudreau, support A. Wagner, CARRIED.

- c. Roads. Contract was presented for review for A-10. Jody Norman, Manager DCRC was in attendance. He spoke about current work on A-10 and quotes for A-12 and A26.

Motion, A. Wagner, support G. Boudreau, CARRIED, for Ford River Township to contribute \$7,000.00 for A-12 and \$7,000.00 for A-26.

- d. i. Training MTA Township Assessor, no.
- ii. Training CUPPAD Infrastructure Asset Management.

Motion R. Fountaine, support A. Wagner for Water Operator and Clerk to attend on June -26th 1:00-4:00.

- e. Documentation of dismissal of Penokie lawsuit.
- f. Supervisor would like to repeal Ordinance #16 Regulate Speed of Vessels. We don't have an agreement for them to enforce. The Delta County Sheriffs Dept. does not have the recourses available to enforce. If there is a problem, residents can call Sheriffs Dept.

Motion, R. Fountaine, support, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to repeal Ordinance #16.

- g. A Letter of support for Lake Superior Community Partnership Line 5 Tunnel.

Motion A. Wagner, support, G Boudreau, CARRIED.

- h. PC Resignation. Supervisor would like someone from R-1 to represent that position. Supervisor will work with clerk to post an ad to fill the position, hopefully within two months.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT

Theresa Nelson offered information on Line 5.

R. Fountaine asked for surveys to be returned.

Motion A. Wagner, support G Boudreau, CARRIED. to adjourn.



Debbi Brown, Clerk:

Approved: