

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPT 9, 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, D. Brown

Members absent: A Wagner

Audience sheet attached.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. AGENDA

Motion, G. Boudreau, support R Fountaine, CARRIED to approve the Agenda.

6. MINUTES

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes – July 2019

Motion, G. Boudreau, support R Fountaine, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular meeting minutes.

7. REPORTS

Received Reports.

- a. Financial Reports August 2019: 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 August 2019:

Motion, G. Boudreau, support D. Brown CARRIED, to acknowledge the Zoning Administrator Report.

- c. Assessors Report August 2019

Motion, G. Boudreau, support D. Brown CARRIED, to acknowledge the Assessors Report.

8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes July and August, 2019
- b. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority reg Meeting Minutes July 23, 2019
- c. UPPCO Notice of Hearing.

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Fireman's Report August 2019- Maintenance Reports/Treasurer's report.
Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.

Motion, R. Fountaine, support G. Boudreau CARRIED, to acknowledge the Fire report.

- b. Fire Chief Updates:
Maintenance and billing updates.
The Fire Dept. in need of 2 flashlights at 55.00 each plus shipping

Motion, R. Fountaine, support G. Boudreau CARRIED, to purchase 2 flashlights for packs at 55.00 each.

The Fire Dept. is in need of one large flashlight at \$179.00

Motion, R. Fountaine, support D. Brown CARRIED, to purchase one large flashlight up to \$200.00.

The Fire Dept. is in need of a new pager for Steve Nelson for \$375.00

Motion, R. Fountaine, support G. Boudreau CARRIED, to purchase a new pager for \$375.00

The Fire Dept. would like to replenish their Fire Prevention hats and stickers.

Motion, R. Fountaine, support G. Boudreau CARRIED, to purchase Fire prevention supplies up to \$200.00

Supervisor would like a picture of Fire Dept. members for website.
October 20th is set for Pancake Breakfast.

- c. 4 fire calls for August. Two are billable.
- d. Todd Holland gave MFR report for 2019. Total calls for August were 8.
Calendar year to date is 90. Fiscal year 66.

Motion, D. Brown, support G. Boudreau CARRIED, to acknowledge the MFR report.

10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water System Report August 2019

There was a discussion and concern about Contractors ordering water shut offs and not the property owner.

It was determined we need clarification for water operator not to turn water on or off without approval.

Supervisor and/or Clerk will meet with Water Operator to go over policies and/or procedures so this doesn't continue to be an issue. Suggestions will be brought back to the Board next month.

Water was turned by the contractor for Norton without the parts being paid. Clerk will contact DeGrand Construction for payment of \$1380.00. If DeGrand does not agree to pay then the water will be shut off because

according to our water system ordinance #79A all fees must be paid before service is turned on.

Motion, R. Fountaine, support G. Boudreau CARRIED, to shut water off at the Norton residence if DeGrand Construction does not agree to pay by end of this week.

Motion, G. Boudreau, support D. Brown CARRIED to acknowledge the water report.

b. Water Operator updates

Supervisor advised water operated the Township cannot make a gift or donate Old Pump to Bay College.
Frank Nelson will scrap out old pump.

Motion, R. Fountaine, support D. Brown CARRIED, to have Frank Nelson scrap out old pump and put the check in the water system.

Water operator would like to attend UP Distribution Seminar on 9/24-9/25 in Harris. Cost for this seminar is \$120.00

Motion, D. Brown, support G. Boudreau CARRIED, to approve \$120.00 for seminar.

- c. Billing register. All checks for high use checked out.
Three shut offs issued for Sept 14th, 2019

Motion, R. Fountaine, support G. Boudreau CARRIED, to acknowledge the billing register.

- d. Water forgiveness, D. Wellman will speak with Swanson to get forgiveness letter.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Audit update. Tabled until October to discuss when the Treasurer has time to read over the completed audit and touch base with Bruce.

- b. Junk Ordinance has been updated.

Motion, G. Boudreau, support D. Brown CARRIED, to accept new Junk Ordinance.

A roll call vote was taken:

- G. Boudreau, yes.
R. Fountaine, yes.
A. Wagner, absent.
D. Brown, yes.
D. Wellman, yes.

MOTION PASSES to accept new Junk Ordinance # 090919 30 days from passing.

- c. Miss Dig 2020 invoice projected total for 2020 will be \$782.51

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Payment of bills:

Motion G. Boudreau, support, R. Fontaine, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$48,003.34 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$29,883.53.

- b. Address signs. Looking for update from CUPPAD for next month.
- c. Snow Plowing ad to go in Daily Press and U. P. Action news. Deadline for bids on October 9th, to be opened at the meeting on October 14th.
- d. Fall Infrastructure Asset Management Summit. No interest in attending from any members, or water operator.
- e. Annual Insurance Renewal.

Motion, R. Fontaine, support G. Boudreau to accept Hannula Agency insurance renewal of \$14,486.00

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT

J. Deloria was concerned about her tax check not clearing yet. Clerk assured her all tax checks received to date were deposited by the Deputy Treasurer, because the Treasurer has been unavailable.

Motion, G. Boudreau, support D. Brown CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:13 PM.

Debbi Brown, Clerk:



Approved:

