

FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2018 FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL
AMENDED

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Rachael Fontaine, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: R. Fontaine, A. Wagner D. Wellman, H. Coyne, G. Boudreau

Members absent: None

Audience sheet attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment

AGENDA

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED to approve the Agenda.

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes – February 2018

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED to accept the Township Board regular meeting minutes as read.

REPORTS

Received Reports.

- a. February 2018 Financial Reports: A. Wagner reports that Treasurer and Clerk were in balance with the bank.
- b. Assessor report for February brought to board for review.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, H. Coyne, CARRIED to acknowledge the financial reports.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED to acknowledge the assessor report.

The Township Board Meeting recessed at 7:02 PM for the Public Hearing

BUDGET HEARING

- a. R. Fontaine went over Budget plans for fiscal year April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.
- b. Zoning Board Administrator pay will be in addition to Supervisors salary, similar to Clerk's pay for water.
- c. Cost of living increase of 2% resulting in wages increase for Board.
- d. Trustees will be paid \$50.00 for meetings.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded D. Wellman, Zoning Board Administrator be paid \$100.00 monthly additional separate from Supervisor Salary.

R. Fountaine abstained from voting.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED to have clerk create a resolution or policy, whichever is appropriate, stating that the supervisor holds zoning administrator position unless board approves to separate the jobs.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED to acknowledge the accept the budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019. Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: G. Boudreau, A. Wagner, R. Fountaine, D. Wellman, H. Coyne

Nay: none

Absent: none

Adjourned the Public Budget Hearing and reconvened to regular meeting at 7:29 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Delta County Township Association Agenda from February 2018
- b. DEQ Drinking water Monitoring Schedule and Annual Reports for 2018
- c. Ford River Township Planning Commission meeting minutes from February 2018
- d. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority regular meeting minutes
- e. UPPCO Notice of Hearing in Michigan Public Service Commission Case Number U-18235

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's Report of February 2018-- Maintenance Reports/Treasurer's Report:

Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present

- a. Brian states nothing substantial for this months report.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED to the accept the Fire report.

Fire Chief Updates

- a. Fireman's boot from Meister party store collected \$114.77 from February 2018
- b. Besse Foundation application for the \$20,000.00 grant has been submitted.
- c. There were no fire calls in February 2018.
- d. Elections were held for Fire Department officials. The only change made is Dave Korpi will now be 1st Lieutenant in charge of Health and Safety in place of Kurt Dubord.

Moved H. Coyne, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED to accept 2018 Fire Department elections.

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Todd Holland is present at this time

- a. 12 Calls in February, bringing the number of calls to 22 for 2018 YTD

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water report accepted for February

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED to accept water reports.

- b. Mark noted quiet month for Water business. There was one early call out for "Low Tower" upon inspection the tower was overflowing from pipe. One of the Poly tubing had a small crack in it causing the issue. Mark replaced Poly tubing, flushed out well house and continued to monitor. No other issues reported for well house.
- c. Billing register is starting to look better. Still some high reads that Mark checked on and found that all are running well on our end. Clerk has notified any residents of leaks at this point.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Water workshop for water will be April 4, 2018 at 6 PM at Ford River Township hall.
- b. Clerk requesting that we run Jamison Gould water bill one more month to make sure all usages are correct. Clerk will contact Jamison to inform him of situation and make sure he understands he needs to still be paying minimal amount of \$39 monthly.
- c. Board will start interviews for Assessor position March 15, 2018.
- d. Township will contact and collect donations from local business' for 911 signs.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Payment of bills
- b. Ford River Township meeting dates Resolution
- c. Ford River Township needs a new auditor to take on the previous duties. R. Fountaine has reached out to other Townships requesting their opinions and feedback, at this time it is suggested that we go with Schneider Larche Haapala & Company, CPA. R. Fountaine will contact them to see if they will take on the Ford River Township.
- d. R. Fountaine contacted Jody Norman from road commission about the standards of Jaeger road as it was brought to the Boards attention at the budget workshop. Jody states that Jaeger road was done up to the previous measurements and they do not have a standard that they follow for local roads.
- e. Poverty resolutions will need to be updated annually by Clerk to follow federal guidelines.
- f. D. Wellman has concerns for use of the Deputy by board members, he is requesting there be a cap on the hourly pay that the Deputy makes before board approval.
- g. D. Wellman stated that the statutory responsibilities of Supervisor included Board of Review duties, conversation took place regarding mutual error/accidental pay for said duties. Going forward a Supervisor shouldn't

receive extra pay for those meetings. A Deputy however, will receive pay if Supervisor is unable to attend Board of Review meeting.

- h. Trustee G. Boudreau has requested a motion book be put in place for large motions. This is has been tabled at this time.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$16,081.45 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$ 3,941.60.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED to accept meeting dates for 2018/2019 meeting dates, noting that Clerk fix date for fiscal year to state correct date.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED to have Schneider Larche Haapala & Company, CPA to perform our Audits if accepted by the company.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED to update the Modified Resolution to include the 2018 Poverty federal guidelines and to continue annually doing so from this time forward.

Moved D. Wellman, seconded G. Bourdreau, CARRIED that Deputies can be paid up to \$400 hourly before needing board approval. The Deputy still receive their yearly \$100.00 pay in addition to hourly rate.

Aye: R. Fountaine, A. Wagner, G. Boudreau, D. Wellman, H. Coyne
Nay: None
Absent: None

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

Ray Fettig suggest that the board members have a job description be brought to a future meeting to prevent future board members confusion.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Hannah Coyne, Clerk:

Approved:

