

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2017 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, A. Wagner D. Wellman, L. Hammerberg, G. Boudreau
Members absent: None
Audience sheet attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes – August 2017

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular meeting minutes.

REPORTS

Received Reports.

- a. August 2017 Financial Reports: The Treasurer and Clerk were in balance with the bank.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to acknowledge the financial reports.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. FEMA
2. Delta County Joint Government Meeting – September 6, 2017
3. Delta Solid Waste Meeting Minutes – July 2017
4. Delta County Twp. Association meeting – 911 signs.
5. DEQ Public Hearing & Seminar
6. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – August 2017
7. UPPCO notice of Hearing in September

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept Delor to attend FEMA meeting on September 21st.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's Report of July 2017– Maintenance Reports/Treasurer's Report:
a. Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner CARRIED, to accept the Fire report.

Fire Chief Updates

- a. Annual raffle tickets available.
- b. Pancake Breakfast – Oct 29, 2017

- c. One new member – Justin Goodchild & two members step down, Don Nuernberg, Pat Webber.
- d. Brian submitted three Grass Fire Truck Estimates each from Chevy, Ford & Dodge. The Board discussed the cost and that approx. half would come out of the Fire Capital Outlay Fund and the other half will come out of the Fire Department's fund-raising money. Meier's signs quoted Brian \$400 - \$500 to apply lettering on new Fire Truck.
- e. Fire Hall Humidity report was submitted from Tri Media Environmental and Engineering for both inside and outside of the building. They suggested a dehumidifier for the space to help with the humidity inside. The Board decided to purchase a dehumidifier from Berger and King for \$1415.00.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, D. Wellman CARRIED, to allow the Fire Department to purchase a 2018 Chevy Silverado, half would come out of the Fire Capital Outlay Fund and the other half will come out of the Fire Department's fund-raising money contingent on, the Fire Department submitting a completed Gear and Equipment List by the end of the calendar year.

Roll call Vote: The Fire Department to purchase a 2018 Chevy Silverado, half would come out of the Fire Capital Outlay Fund and the other half will come out of the Fire Department's fund-raising money contingent on, the Fire Department submitting a completed Gear and Equipment List by the end of the calendar year.

AYE - G. Boudreau, A. Wagner, R. Fountaine, D. Wellman, L. Hammerberg
 NAY- None their

Moved, L. Hammerberg, seconded, R. Fountaine CARRIED, to purchase a The Board decided to purchase a dehumidifier from Berger and King for \$1415.00.

MFR

- a. Todd Holland gave MFR report.
- b. 101 MFR Calls in through August 2017.

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. August 2017 water system report was received. Mark Rose was present. Standard water business – seasonal turn-ons, Miss Digs. Escanaba Power will be installing metal poles this winter by Breezy Point, on the land side because of the repeated failures and they don't want to go under ground again. Lead, Copper and Partial Chemical sampling was done by Mark from 5 water customers.
- b. Billing Register discussed
- c. The battery pack on the Trimble handheld is going bad and we need a new one. Mark found one on eBay for \$178.00. The Clerk will run a mirror billing with the old and new water billing system to make sure everything is transferred ok.
- d. Kim Lombardi - The Board wants Amanda to put a lean on the property until the past water bill is paid.
- e. MDEQ performed a Sanitary Survey Inspection. They determined everything was good in their survey except the Capital Improvement Plan. A new Emergency Contingency Plan was updated by Mark Rose.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, L. Hammerberg, CARRIED, to accept water report.

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded, L. Hammerberg, CARRIED, to allow Mark to purchase a new battery pack for the Trimble handheld for \$178.00 from eBay.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. New Assessor – Vicki recommended putting an ad in the MI Assessors Association and The Daily Press. Vicki also recommended running it in November and December and closing in March to be ready by the March Board of Review.
- b. Written Procedures for Monthly Reports and Payroll Vouchers were discussed, the Clerk to update Expense and Labor Voucher and create a new policy for Monthly Reports.
- c. Cemetery Caps – Russ picked up 65 Caps (50 at West Cemetery and 15 at South Cemetery).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Payment of bills
- b. Roads Proposed Legislature - Jody Norman sent Rachael an email about Senator Casperson’s proposed legislation that he feels is not good.
- c. Delor submitted a road map with addresses to help the Fire Department.
- d. A snowplowing ad will run in September for this winter.
- e. Dell and Gary will go for MTA training at Bay College September 19th.
- f. Land Division – There will be no hearing, no one has the authority to hear the appeal so it will be over. Rachael will discuss with the Planning Commission about the Land Division Ordinance.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, L. Hammerberg, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$203,902.21 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$7890.39.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to send Gary and Del to the MTA training on September 19th.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

Ray Fettig spoke on the Capitol Movement Plan. Theresa announced the new Jail groundbreaking on September 19th and the meeting for the Signs September 21st.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Lisa Hammerberg, Clerk:

Approved:

