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**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 9, 2016 FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

Members present: G. Boudreau, R. Fontaine, P. Anderson, A. Wagner, D. Wellman  
Members absent: None  
Audience sheet attached.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**AGENDA**

12 g was added to agenda -- Savings Account/CD

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

**MINUTES**

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes -- April, 2016

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

**REPORTS**

Received Reports.

- a. April, 2016 Financial Reports: A. Wagner reported that the treasurer and clerk were in balance with the bank.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to acknowledge the financial reports.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Assessor's Report of May, 2016
2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes -- April, 2016
3. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes -- March, 2016
4. UPPCO -- Notice of meeting in May.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Received the Fireman's Report of May, 2016 -- Maintenance Reports/Treasurer's Report

## Fire Chief Updates

1. Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.

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

2. The Pancake Breakfast raised \$2600.00
3. A disaster drill be done tomorrow.
4. A Grant from the Fire Chief's Association has been received in the amount of \$3992.00 for air bottle replacement.
5. The Hannahville Grant has also been received.
6. Fire calls are still being sent out monthly. After this month, any unpaid invoices can be sent to collection.
7. The Township Board now has a copy of J. Giese's medical release. He is released but has to avoid hazardous conditions until further notice. The letter states that he can resume his duties but must avoid hazardous conditions, which sounds somewhat conflicting. Jon stated that he is now an honorary member of the fire department. He is not going to fires at this time. He also stated that the chief does not necessarily need to go into fires. The Board wanted to make sure that he is not going into hazardous conditions until 100% cleared.
8. MFR – Todd Holland gave the MFR report. There have been 35 calls this year. There are six people interested in taking the MFR classes. Rampart is in the process of putting a class together. These people will be medical first responders and not a part of the fire department. A contract will be presented to each candidate prior to their actually starting the class.
9. Jon was thanked for his applying for a grant which has been received.

## WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. May, 2016 water system report was received. Jay DeShambo, the temporary water relief operator, was present.

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

- b. Billing Register – Seasonal customers are returning to the area.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the billing register.

- c. Water Shut Offs – Amanda will work on these and coordinate them with Jay.
- d. Letter asking for forgiveness of water bill – The leak at E4975 M-35 has been repaired and the repair has been verified. The customer is asking for forgiveness of overages in the amount of \$1,656.00

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to forgive the overages in the amount of \$1,656.00 for the property at E4975 M-35.

- e. Rate Study – Still a work in progress.

- f. Relief Operator – Jay DeShambo has been filling for Mark. An ad will be put in the paper advertising for a Relief Operator on a permanent basis.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES**

- a. R. Fountaine will be checking to see who is going to attend the UP North Summit Training. R. Fountaine is asking for the Planning Commission to attend one session on Zoning and Land Use at the cost of \$35.00 per person She is asking permission for four members to attend. Gary and Del will be attending a one day session at 6/9/2016.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED to allow up to four members of the Planning Commission to attend the Zoning and Land Use session at the cost of \$35.00 per person.

- b. Expense and Labor Voucher Policy – There is a policy already in place. Expenses will be reimbursed upon receipt of a receipt. The fire department will obtain a credit card for their use. This will be done by the next meeting so that the account at Holiday Station Store can be cancelled.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$ 15,546.38 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$ 2,378.13.

- a. Penozza Pest Control – An estimate has been received for \$410.00.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to allow Penozza Pest Control to spray the various Township buildings at a cost of \$410.00.

- b. Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements – A copy of this has been given to our Assessor. The date of the audit has not been set as yet.
- c. Dust Control – Project /Material Agreement has been received.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine to proceed with Dust Control for the 2016 year.

- d. Water Tower Easement – The information has been sent to the Township attorney. There will be further discussion on this next month.
- e. Cemetery – There is an issue right now that someone was entered into the wrong plot. The person may have to be exhumed and moved to another spot. R. Nelson has been talking to the family as to whether they wish to have this done. If this needs to be done, the Township will need to pay for the costs involved as it would be the Township's responsibility. Also, the Township cemetery maps need to be updated. R. Fountaine will meet with Russ to discuss a procedure so that this does not happen again. A special Cemetery meeting will then be called. The new sexton is in the process of being trained.

- f. Savings Account – One of the saving accounts is making little money in interest. There is \$22,000.00 in this account. The Treasurer is asking for approval to move this money to a CD with a higher rate.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to allow the Treasurer to close this account and move it to another account/financial institution, if needed, with a higher interest rate.

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted.

Aye: G. Boudreau, A. Wagner, R. Fountaine, D. Wellman, P. Anderson

Nay: None

Absent: None

**PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT**

- a. There was discussion on the AMAR audit. The Assessor is aware of this. From what is understood, no one passes this initially. A type of road map to improvement is then given.
- b. The gentleman who was present at the last meeting has not provided requested information regarding the cell tower. The improvements to Verizon should be complete in the next few months.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.



Patricia Anderson, Clerk



Approved: