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**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 14, 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**

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

**MINUTES**

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes – February, 2016

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

**REPORTS**

Received Reports.

- a. February, 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.

Recess from the regular meeting at 7:02 to begin Public Hearing on the budget.

**BUDGET HEARING**

R. Fontaine went over the highlights of the budget.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2016/2017. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Adjourned the public Budget Hearing and reconvened to the regular meeting ta 7:08 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Assessor's Report of March, 2016
2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – February and March, 2016
3. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes – January, 2016
4. CUPPAD – Developing a Regional Plan

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Received the Fireman's Report of February, 2016 – Maintenance Reports/Treasurer's Report

Fire Chief Updates

1. Brian Nelson was present.
2. Brian announced the election of officers for the fire department.
3. The lock on the fire door was replaced.
4. Pancake Breakfast will be on 4/17/2016
5. One of the blades on the cutting tool for the Jaws of Life is no longer available. Brian found a used one at the cost of \$1500. To replace it would cost \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to allow the fire department to purchase the \$1500.00 for Jaws of Life tool.

6. Tire Estimate – This is to inspect, balance, etc. the tires on tanker #4. The cost would be \$351.80.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay for inspection, balancing, etc. of tires on tanker #4.

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

7. MFR – Todd Holland gave a report. Currently there are 8 and he is hoping to get two more.

## **WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

- a. February, 2016 water system report was received. One resident has a major leak.

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

- b. Billing Register – Mark will check on high usage customers.

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

- c. Water Shut Offs – Amanda will work on these. They will be done on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- d. Rate Study – Still a work in progress.

- e. Mark is looking for an additional relief operator to replace him when he has hip surgery this spring. He would like to appoint a Gerald DeShambo. The Board will look into this.
- f. DEQ will be here on 3/23/2016.
- g. The box locator needs a tune-up.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES**

- a. Personnel Policy - At the advice of our attorney a line has been added to the Personnel Policy to read "The employment of employees of Ford River Township is at-will and employees can be terminated for any reason by the Ford River Township Board."

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to amend the Personnel Policy, adding the line "The employment of employees of Ford River Township is at-will and employees can be terminated for any reason by the Ford River Township Board." Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

- b. Cemetery Sexton South Cemetery – A letter has been sent to the current sexton, terminating his employment with the Township. P. Anderson will advertise for another sexton.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$15,585.24 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$8,622.66.

- a. Salary Resolutions – The water operator's salary will be increased by 3%.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to increase the water operator's salary by 3%. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

- b. The liquor inspector's salary will be increased to \$85.00.
- c. Meeting Dates for Township Board Meetings of the 2016/2017 year were presented.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the meeting dates for the 2016/2017 year. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

- d. Ray Payment, CPA – 2016 is a year for a fiscal audit. R. Payment CPA will be doing the Township Audit sometime in May.

**PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT**

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 7: 55 p.m.

*Patricia Anderson*

Patricia Anderson, Clerk

*4/11/16*

Approved: