

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 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: R. Fontaine, D. Wellman, P. Anderson, A. Wagner, G. Boudreau  
Members absent: None  
Audience sheet attached.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**AGENDA**

Additions to agenda – 10. F – Hydrant Flushing, 10. G – DCTA Township Water Meeting, 12. C – Sexton Plaque

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

**MINUTES**

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes – August, 2016

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

**REPORTS**

Received Reports.

- a. August, 2016 Financial Reports: 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. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – August, 2016
2. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes – July, 2016
3. Assessor Report – September, 2016
4. DEQ – Notice of Public Hearing
5. UPPCO – Public Hearing Notice

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

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

Fire Chief Updates

- a. Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.
- b. Maintenance is being done.
- c. A grant was applied for to replace fire department gear which was not received. The present gear needs to be replaced. A jacket and boots would cost approximately \$1134.00 per person. There is one firefighter who does not have gear that fits her.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to purchase a jacket and boots at the cost of approximately \$1134.00.

- d. Brian will be applying for the grant to replace the gear for all firefighters. The cost for jacket, boots and pants is approximately \$1732.00. With helmets and gloves the cost would be approximately \$2500.00 per complete set. There are 30 roster spots. The life cycle of such gear is 10 years. Brian also asked that possibly this be in the 2017/2018 budget purchasing a few sets each year.
- e. Due to the humidity in the fire hall, Brian has noticed mold on the vehicle seats in the fire truck. Solutions would include an industrial dehumidifier or air conditioning. Brian will be getting more information.

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

- f. The Pancake Breakfast will be October 16, 2016.
- g. The department is working on cleaning out the garage.
- h. There is one fire call that is over four months old which has not been paid. R. Fountaine will call this individual prior to sending the bill to collection.
- i. MFR report was given. Todd Holland was present. There are four candidates that will be taking an upcoming class which would be a total of 14. They will be signing a contract prior to taking the class.

#### **WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

- a. August, 2016 water system report was received. Mark Rose was present.
- b. Mark will be working on getting readings from the meter at the fire hall. Mark will also check on a residence with two lines but one meter.

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

- c. Billing Register – All high usage customers have been investigated.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, D. Wellman, CARRIED, to accept the billing register.

- d. There is a water meeting scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost is approximately \$100.00. Mark needs to attend that meeting and will bring further information regarding this to the next meeting.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to approve up to \$150.00 for Mark to attend this meeting on Oct. 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> at the Terrace.

- e. There is one customer, R. Norton, who has had a leak for the past two months had been granted a 30 day extension to have the leak fixed. To date, The Township has not heard from him nor have we received a firm proposal to fix the leak from them. They had proposed putting in a shallow line which is not permitted by the Ordinance. The property has been leaking for years. There were no representatives from the family present at the meeting. R. Fountaine suggested another notice with shut off in 10 days.

Moved, D. Wellman, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to shut off the water to the property at E4625 M-35 effective tomorrow, 9/13/2016. R. Fountaine opposed.

- f. Rate Study – Still a work in progress.
- g. Hydrant Flushing – Will be done October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. P. Anderson will put a notice in the newspaper two weeks prior to the flushing.
- h. DCTA Water Meeting. R. Fountaine was contacted by a County Commissioner who would like to get Townships with water systems together. R. Fountaine asked for permission to send 1 to 2 people to attend at least the initial meeting.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to allow up to 2 people to attend the initial meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Cemetery – A quote was received from Davis Wanic Surveying and also Bittner Engineering for surveying of the West Cemetery. It was decided to hire Davis Wanic Surveying. Their cost proposal was \$2750.00 plus shipping for surveying and marking of the graves.

Moved, P. Anderson, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to hire Wanic Davis to survey and mark the graves in the West Cemetery at the cost of \$2750.00 plus shipping costs.

- b. Cemetery Process – There is a question as to who should be collecting the monies for plots and burials. The Township insurance bonds all Township employees up to \$10,000.00. The sexton has been receiving the monies when selling graves. This will be further addressed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$ 25,571.16 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$ 2,585.46.

- a. An ad for Snowplowing bids will be put in the newspaper.
- b. Sexton Plaque – R. Nelson has done so much for the Township with regards to the cemeteries that it was suggested that the Township provide him with a plaque for his efforts and work. The last plaque did not exceed \$150.00.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to obtain a plaque for Russ Nelson not to exceed \$150.00.

**PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT**

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

*Patricia Anderson*

Patricia Anderson, Clerk

*10/10/2016*

Approved: