

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 9, 2015, FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

Members present: Rachael Fountaine, Patty Anderson, Delor Wellman, A. Wagner. G. Boudreau

Members absent: None

Audience sheet attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes – 2/9/2015

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular Meeting minutes as read.

REPORTS

Received Reports.

- a. February, 2015 Financial Reports: A. Wagner reported that the treasurer and clerk were in balance.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to acknowledge the Financial Reports.

- b. A. Wagner presented the tax report.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to acknowledge the Tax Report.

BUDGET HEARING

The Township Board Meeting recessed at 7:08 p.m. for the Public Budget Hearing.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the budget. Upon a roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: none

Absent: None

Adjourned the Public Budget Hearing and reconvened to the regular meeting at 7:18 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Regular Meeting Minutes – January, 2015.
2. Assessor's Report of March, 2015

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's February, 2015 – Maintenance Reports/Treasurer's Report

Fire Chief Updates

1. Jon is looking for recruits for the fire department.
2. Jon is looking to purchase remote door opener for the fire hall.
3. Lighting is needed for the tanker. The cost is approximately \$4400.00. There is still \$3936.84 left in the 2014/2015 budget. The fire department will be installing the lighting.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to approve \$3900.00 for lighting for the tanker.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the fire department report.

4. April 19, 2015 will be the Spring Pancake Breakfast.
5. Fire Truck – The Township received one sealed bid from Lippens Potato Farm in the amount of \$2,027.00.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the bid from Lippens Potato Farm in the amount of \$2,027.00.

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. February, 2015 water system report was received.
- b. February, 2015 billing register was received.
- c. A Special Water System Meeting will be scheduled for late April or early May.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the water report.

- d. D. Wellman gave a report on water issues/concerns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- a. Maintenance Update – Bulletin Board is up in hall.
- b. Repair of Fence near Pavilion – Registered letter was sent through Small Claims Court with a Small Claims Court date of 3/10/2015. This date had to be cancelled due that no proof of delivery of the letter has been received as yet. If defendant does not sign for letter and it is returned, the next step would be to have the defendant served by the Sheriff's Department.

- c. Equalization Agreement – Ford River is one of the townships asking for a review and possible changes to the agreement. This will remain on agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$12,349.61 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$47,436.89.

- a. 2015-2016 Township Board Meeting Dates Resolution

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the 2015 – 2016 Township Board Meeting Dates. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

- b. Poverty Exemption Resolution – This has been modified and is needed for the Board of Review.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Poverty Exemption Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

- c. Inspection of Records – Policy by which the public may review the records of Ford River Township. P. Anderson will see if one is in force and if not will present to the next board meeting
- d. Copier – R. Fountaine explained that she would like to see if we can get a newer model which allows for faxing, e-mailing, wireless printing, scanning etc. P. Anderson will get quotes and present at the next meeting.
- e. Sexton – South Cemetery – R. Nelson has said that he can no longer dig graves. P. Anderson will put ad in the paper.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Patricia Anderson

Patricia Anderson, Clerk

4/13/15

Approved: