

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 8, 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 - 5/11/2015

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

REPORTS

Received Reports.

- a. May, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Regular Meeting Minutes - April, 2015.
- 2. Assessor's Report of June, 2015
- 3. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - May, 2015
- 4. UPPCO
- 5. Escanaba Public Library - Summer Program

ROADS

- 1. Jody Norman from the Road Commission was present. It was the intent of Ford River Township to proceed with gravel on road A-23 this year. Jody is working on getting the gravel from a pit on A-23. However, that has not been finalized at this time and therefore, A-23 work is going to be pushed back to possibly next year which will save money for all concerned. Because of this, the Road Commission is looking at doing some seal coating of other roads. The priority

roads are A-11, A-24 and the road across from Country Meadows. Jaeger Road would be a major undertaking.

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to postpone applying gravel to Road A-23 until next year provided that the estimate does not come in any higher than the original estimate of \$18,500.00.

2. Jody will provide estimates on the cost of sealcoating other roads by the Township board Meeting in July. This will allow for the Board to make a decision on which roads would be done and still allow time to have them done this year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

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

Fire Chief Updates

1. There is still a leak in the roof in the fire hall. R. Fountaine will notify the maintenance man.
2. The 2 % grant from Hannahville has been received.
3. Ice Cream Social will be held on 9/13/2015 from 1:00 to 4:00.

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

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. May, 2015 water system report was received.
- b. Mark and Pat will continue to work on two meters that will not read.
- c. A Special Water System Workshop will be scheduled for June 26, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
- d. List of water shut offs will be provided to Board members monthly.
- e. A letter was received from a water customer at E4799 Hwy M-35 asking for forgiveness of overages due to a leak. The total amount of overage is \$176.00. The line has been repaired.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to forgive overages in the amount of \$176.00 from water customer at E4799 Highway M-35.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- a. Repair of Fence near Pavilion – Will be done this week, weather permitting.
- b. Copier – P. Anderson explained the reason for this high bill on the old copier. Through the maintenance agreement, so many copies were allowed each quarter. Since no one was at the hall the majority of the time, copy counts

- could not be gotten. The maintenance agreement on the new copier allows for 4,500 copies per quarter. P. Anderson will call in counts on a quarterly basis.
- c. Equalization Agreement – There has been no further progress. A bill has been received from Delta County Equalization in the amount of \$1830.60. There was a question about being able to access updated maps. Amanda stated that she would be comfortable with a 12 month agreement which would then be reassessed. R. Fountaine will look further into making changes to the proposed agreement.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay the bill in the amount of \$1830.60 to Delta County Equalization.

- d. Out of the equalization fees, \$2.50 per parcel is paid to A. Wagner. Sixty cents of that is costs covering services done by the County. A. Wagner is questioning whether she should be paid \$1.90 per parcel with the additional 60 cents being allocated for County costs. P. Anderson will look for previous Resolution regarding this.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$15,614.91 plus the \$1830.60 for a total of \$17133.45 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$1,915.17.

- a. The Township currently does not have a Inspection of Records Policy. . Anderson has put one together along with a actual FOIA book.

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to adopt the Inspection of Records Policy for Ford River Township.

Upon a roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

- b. Delta County 4-H Plat Book – Ford River Township puts an ad in the Plat book each year. The cost is \$332.20 for the ad, a copy of the book and a digital copy.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to place ad in the 4-H Plat book at the cost of \$332.20.

- c. Sexton – West Cemetery – The sexton has resigned. Russ Nelson, the maintenance person at the South Cemetery is retiring. M. Krause does the maintenance at the West Cemetery but he is not interested in doing the maintenance at both cemeteries. Prior applications for the sexton position at the West Cemetery were reviewed.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to offer the position of sexton at the West Cemetery to J. McConkey.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to offer the position of sexton at the West Cemetery to J. Webber in the event J. McConkey does not accept the position.

- d. Maintenance at South Cemetery – After discussion, it was decided to combine the position of sexton at the South Cemetery with maintenance at the cemetery.

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to offer the position of maintenance of the South Cemetery with that of the sexton.

- e. R. Nelson will continue to help the sextons until they become more experienced.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

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



Patricia Anderson, Clerk



Approved: