

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2015 FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

Called to order at 7:05 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 – 3/9/2015

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

**REPORTS**

Received Reports.

- a. March, 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. General Appropriation Act – Formalizes the budget

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to accept the General Appropriations Act. A roll call vote was taken

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Regular Meeting Minutes – February, 2015.
2. Assessor's Report of April, 2015
3. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – February and March, 2015
4. CUPPAD Meeting – April, 2015
5. Information on the Road Proposal from the Delta County Townships Association.
6. Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Meeting in May

## **SEXTON INTERVIEWS**

1. There were four candidates for the sexton position at both the West and South Cemeteries
2. It was suggested that the position be split with M. Krause doing the mowing at the West Cemetery and R. Nelson doing the same at the South Cemetery.
3. The main duties of the sextons will be to meeting with families wishing to buy a burial rite and doing the paper work, digging graves, working with funeral home directors.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to split the sexton position allowing for R. Nelson and M. Krause to do the actual maintenance at the cemeteries.

4. R. Nelson will train the new sextons.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to appoint Nicholas Britton as sexton at the South Cemetery and Wayne Claytor as sexton at the West Cemetery.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

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

Fire Chief Updates

1. Jon applied for 2% grant for air packs.
2. Jon is also applying for a Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant.
3. Fire truck was sold for \$2,027.00 with monies being put into general fund.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to put the \$1200.00 received from the sale of the fire truck into capital outlay.

4. Jon would like to allow up to 5 members of the volunteer fire department to attend spring training in Roscommon at the cost of \$275.00 per person plus mileage.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED to allow up to five members of the fire department to attend spring training in Roscommon at the cost of \$275.00 per person plus mileage.

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

5. April 19, 2015 will be the Spring Pancake Breakfast.
6. Resolution to Apply for Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant – This is needed as part of the application for the grant.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adopt the Authorizing Resolution for the Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant Funding Application. Upon a roll call vote

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

- a. March, 2015 water system report was received.
- b. A Special Water System Meeting will be scheduled when paper work can be provided for review prior to the special meeting.
- c. Let runs will remain in place.
- d. Water testing kits will need to be obtained from the City of Escanaba in the amount of \$579.00 for the year.

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to purchase water testing kits in the amount of \$579.00 for the year.

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

- e. More information will be obtained prior to the scheduling of the Special Water Workshop.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES**

- a. Repair of Fence near Pavilion – Sheriff's Department was able to serve papers to the Defendant. P. Anderson will be going to Small Claims Court on 4/21/2015 at 11:45 a.m.
- b. Delta Fence is requiring signed Proposal/Contract so that the repairs can be scheduled.

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to sign and return Proposal/Contract to Delta Fence allowing them to fix the fence.

- 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 \$16,157.25 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$3,722.59.

- a. Inspection of Records Policy – This will be tabled at this time due to FOIA changes.
- b. Copier – Information regarding pricing of the new copier was provided by Cooper Office Supply. Discussion was held on leasing copier vs outright buying.

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to lease new copier for 60 months provided it is \$70.00 per month and that it includes wireless printing.

- c. Michigan Township Association Training – MTA on the Road, 5/21/2015 at the Island Resort and Casino - \$99.00 per person.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to allow any interested Board Members to attend training at the cost of \$99.00 per person.

- d. Placemaking Strategy Development Workshop – This is for Planning and Zoning. Both workshops are free. Cost would be for time and mileage. Up to 7 people could be attending

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to allow 7 members of the Planning and Zoning Commission to attend the Placemaking Strategy Development Workshop.

- e. A new leaf blower is needed for the Township Hall/Pavillion. It was suggested that the new one be purchased at Four Seasons or Northgate and that it cost no more then \$300.00. It was suggested that it be shared with the cemetery if necessary.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to obtain new leaf blower for the Township at a cost of no more than \$300.00 and that it be purchased from Four Seasons or Northgate Equipment.

- f. M. Krause has requested a new weed wacker for the West Cemetery. He will get estimates and bring to next meeting.

**PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT**

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.



Patricia Anderson, Clerk



Approved: