

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 10, 2014, 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, and Gary Boudreau, A. Wagner
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:

February 10, 2014 - Township Board Regular Meeting

It was noted that A. Wagner was present at the 2/10/2014 Township Board Regular meeting

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the minutes with the addition of A. Wagner to those present at the meeting.

REPORTS

Received Reports

- a. February, 2014 Financial Report: A. Wagner reported that the treasurer and clerk were in balance with the bank.
- b. Budget

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

BUDGET HEARING

- a. The Township board meeting recessed at 7:03 pm for Budget Hearing.
- b. R. Fountaine explained the budget.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the budget. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

The Township Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Regular Meeting Minutes – January, 2013.
2. Assessor's Report of March, 2014.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's January, 2014 Maintenance Reports

Fire Chief Updates:

1. Unit 5 is out of service for pump packing replacement. There was a loose connection of the battery on Unit 3 which has been fixed.
2. Installation of the hot water heater is still in process.
3. The Spring Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for 4/27/2014.
4. April is National Safe Digging Month.
5. May 3, 2014 is Wildfire community Preparedness Day. J. Giese will look into doing a public service announcement.
6. Six firefighters will be sent to the Emergency Pipeline Seminar to be held in Escanaba. There is no charge for the meeting or dinner.
7. J. Giese is still looking into the possibility of the fire department getting into Medical First Response. The Township has enough liability insurance to cover this. For responders to attend this class is approximately \$500.00 per person.
8. The Fire Department held its election of officers. J. Giese was again elected fire chief.
9. D. Wellman asked that the Board approve the purchase of a second Ryno tool (scissors) that allows the firemen to cut out windshields costing approximately \$700.00.

Moved, D. Wellman, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to approve the purchase of a second Ryno tool, costing approximately \$700.00.

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

10. An offer has been made for the purchase of the fire truck. R. Fountaine explained that it is just for the truck, without the pumper or other equipment. The purchase price is \$7,500.00. J. Giese will contact the potential buyer.

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. There was 1 Miss Dig e-mail but nothing that H2O in Motion had to act upon.
- b. High usage customers are being monitored.
- c. The percent of water loss is at 20%.
- d. P. Anderson will work with D. Kralovetz in contacting Badger to have meter checked and to resolve incorrect readings and meters not being read by the meter

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Water System Report.

- e. Let Run Letter – This letter was sent to all water system customers. A list of customers that have requested to be on the list is in placed and will be monitored. D. Kralovetz will determine when to discontinue the let run procedure.
- f. Water System Ordinance – A public forum is not needed prior to approval by the Board.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded. G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the Water System Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken with the entire Board being in approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- a. Board of Review - 3/11/14 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and 3/13/2014 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds totaling \$12,398.40 and bills from the Water Fund totaling \$46,729.03.

- a. Treasurer's Computer – A. Wagner stated that the maximum cost would be \$550.00.

Moved, D. Wellman, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to allow the treasurer to purchase a new computer.

- b. A. Wagner asked if she should get the basic warranty or extended warranty for the computer. She explained what each covers.

Moved, D. Wellman, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to allow the treasurer to purchase the basic warranty when purchasing computer.

- c. After purchasing the new computer, the old one may be donated to the fire department, if feasible.
- d. Meeting Dates – Township Board – 2014-2015 year

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the 2014-2015 Regular Township Board Meeting dates.

- e. Meeting Dates – Planning Commission – 2014-2015 year.

Moved, R Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARR IED, to acknowledge the 2014-2015 Planning Commission Meeting dates.

f. Platted Lot Split request – Conrad Ryno

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to approve the platted lot split for Conrad Ryno.

g. Ray Payment, CPA, Fiscal Year Audit – Mr. Payment has performed the audit for the Township in the past. The public will be provided with the findings of the audit when they are available.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to accept the proposal from Ray Payment, CPA, to do fiscal year audit.

h. Delta County Township Authority Dues – Cost is \$410.80

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay the annual DCTA dues in the amount of \$410.80.

i. Attorney John Economopoulos introduced himself to the Township and discussed his qualifications for the District Court judgeship opening in the fall due to the retirement of Judge Glenn Pearson.

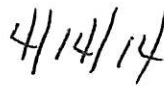
PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

- a. Mary Harrington thanked the Board for their work and for supporting the needs of the fire department.
- b. Conrad Ryno had questions regarding taxes.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.



Patricia Anderson, Clerk



Approved: