

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

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

Members absent: None

Audience sheet attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

AGENDA

1. R. Fontaine added 12.b- Veterans Grants for Cemeteries to agenda.

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

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes – 8/11/2014

Township Board Special Meeting Minutes – 8/25/2014

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

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

REPORTS

Received Reports.

- a. August, 2014 Financial Reports: A. Wagner reported that the treasurer and clerk were in balance.
- b. A. Wagner submitted a Tax Collection Report.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Ford River Township Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2014
2. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Regular Meeting Minutes – May, 2014

3. Assessor's Report of September, 2014
4. CUPPAD – Notice of Relocation
5. Delta County Road Commission – Notice of Resolution
6. UPPCO – Notice of Hearing

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's August, 2014 – Maintenance Reports/Treasurer's Report

Fire Chief Updates:

1. Maintenance is being done on various vehicles.
2. Jon ordered the batteries which were previously approved last month and also obtained the locking file cabinet.
3. Air Pak has been received. Jon will be submitting the paper work for the Hannahville 2% Grant.
4. The air compressor has also been purchased.
5. A \$1,000.00 donation from the Dagenais Foundation has been received and will be used for the First Medical Response project.
6. There is a 2 day fire investigator class on 9/27/14 in Ishpeming and Jon would like to send up to four firefighters to that. There is no charge for the class with the only cost being for transportation.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to approve sending up to four firefighters to fire investigating training school.

7. Jon is working on the policies for the FMR project. Training should take place this fall or winter.
8. Raffle tickets are still for sale.

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

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. August, 2014 water system report was received.
- b. We have not received the last bill from Mead and Hunt.
- c. J. Lampi has taken over the water system once again
- d. The Consumer Confidence Report has been updated and will be reposted.

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

- e. The 2013 Rate Survey – Communities with Both Water and Wastewater will be tabled until next month.
- f. The Meter Read Audit Report was received. P. Anderson will check to see if the meter at 3563 K Road is giving a reading. This customer had previously been shut off for non-payment of bill.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the meter read audit report.

- g. Water Operator – J. Lampi is taking the position over on a temporary basis. An ad has been put in the paper for a water operator. So far, there are two applicants. R. Fountaine suggested that we leave the hiring process open for a month or two as there is a possibility that Jeff may keep the position. This role would have to be clearly defined prior to making any commitment. As of right now, the position is still open and Jeff will be considered temporary at this time.
- h. Water Hook Up Charge Forgiveness at E5043 M-35 – R. Fountaine explained her concerns regarding the situation, that being, was the situation handled incorrectly and was the Township's responsibility. Further discussion was held. There may have been an issue with the communication between the contractor and customer. R. Fountaine had spoken to Mr. Chernick, the contractor. R. Fountaine has suggested that the Township pay part of this bill. She will be putting together a packet that will be used in the future for all new water hook ups. G. Boudreau explained that he disagrees as it is the Township's responsibility to arrange for the contractor. He believes that it is then up to the contractor to interface with the customer. D. Wellman explained that the customer's wife checked at the site numerous times during the installation and was aware that there were problems yet did not request that the work be discontinued. At this time, the customer no longer wishes to be hoked up to the Township Water System but per the Ordinance, a copy of which was provided to the customer prior to his being connected, he will be billed \$39.00 per month. G. Boudreau explained that he could probably be talked into having the Township pay 50% of the bill, but that the contractor should be responsible for the other 50%.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to forgive 50% of the \$4,330.00 water hook up charge at E5043 M-35, provided that a packet is compiled for future use so there are no future misunderstandings. Upon a roll-call vote, the following voted:
Aye: A. Wagner, R. Fountaine, D. Wellman, P. Anderson.

Nay: G. Boudreau

Absent: None

- i. P. Anderson will draft a letter to the customer informing him of the Board's decision of forgiving 50% of the \$4,330.00 water hook up charge.
- j. R. Fountaine will bring information to the meeting next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- a. Maintenance Person Update – The person was hired on 7/14/14 and he has not done any work during the month of August. R. Fountaine has given him a list of things to do. Upon questioning, he informed R. Fountaine that he has not done any work in August as he was called out for another job. This position is still within the probationary period. R. Fountaine will inform him

that there are things that need to be done this month. Previously received applications for this position are still one file, if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Water Funds.

- a. Grants are available through the Veteran's Administration to maintain cemeteries where Veterans are buried. P. Anderson will look further into this.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

- a. G. Boudreau reiterated that this should be the last offer to the customer at E-5043 M-35. He feels that this offer is more than fair and no other offering should be made to this customer. The customer will be invoiced for the difference monthly and after four months if the bill remains unpaid, it will be added to the tax roll. R. Fountaine explained that once a packet is compiled, it will be sent to the Township attorney for his opinion and then given to the Board for discussion and approval.
- b. M. Harrington offered her assistance to the training of First Medical Responders. She has been a nurse and is willing to help as needed.
- c. J. Economopoulos spoke to the Township regarding his qualifications for the District Court Judge position.
- d. R. Fountaine explained that K Road is going to be worked on by the Road Commission this year rather than next year.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Patricia Anderson

Patricia Anderson, Clerk

10/13/14

Approved: