

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 13, 2013, 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, Amanda Wagner, Beth Charles, Gary Boudreau, and Delor Wellman

Members absent: None

Audience sheet attached

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Rachael added 9. k. and 11. d.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

April 8, 2013 Township Board Regular Meeting

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept minutes as read, contingent upon changing letter m. on page 2 to "Jeff sent the annual permit information".

REPORTS

Received Reports

a. April 2013, Financial Report

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Delta County Solid Waste Management Authority Minutes from 03/26/2013
2. Planning Commission meeting 03/07/2013 and 04/04/2013
3. State of Michigan Public Service Commission
4. Assessor's Report for April, 2013

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

Received the April 2013 Water Report.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to accept the Water Report.

- a. Estimated unmetered water usage for April is 1%.
- b. Jeff will get a quote for engineering costs from GEI for river crossing.
- c. Still waiting on Scott S. for pump replacement permit.
- d. Still sending out unpaid water bill charge. Amanda will get a lien put on the taxes in July.
- e. Propeller – CANCELLED
- f. Locator – TABLED

- g. Still working on getting an assistant for Jeff.
- h. Three Miss Digs were marked in April and Miss Dig Mutual Aid is still in the process.

Moved A. Wagner, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to absolve the cost of the leak at E4725.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's April 2013, Maintenance Reports, and the Treasurer's Report ending April 30, 2013.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to accept the Fire Reports.

Fire Chief updates:

1. No fire calls in April.
2. Pancake breakfast made over \$3,000.
3. The new truck arrived.
4. With fund raising monies, the fire department purchased a light and small equipment for the new truck.
5. Will be receiving a set of LED traffic warning devices.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to approve the purchase of two color-coded nozzles for \$1,458 and 400' of large diameter hose for \$1,955 for the fire department.

There is an offer on the table for the old fire truck for \$12,000 and up to \$20,000 with everything on it.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to approve Jon Giese to sell the old fire truck and put the profit in the capital outlay for the fire department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Zoning Ordinance – TABLED

A workshop for roads will be on May 29, 2013.

Utility billing payments will now be sent to the treasurer and then information given to the clerk for entering into the system. Clerk will continue to generate and mail bills.

As per the checks and balance workshop, the treasurer will now prepare a tax statement for the board to review at each monthly meeting.

There is one invoice for a fire-call still waiting to be paid.

Water Ordinance - TABLED

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds check #19068 to #19102 totaling \$14,606.30 and Water System Fund check #5002 to #5010 totaling \$1,1418.96.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept Beth's resignation as the Clerk of Ford River Township, effective May 31, 2013.

The board interviewed six applicants for the clerk's position.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to appoint Sandra Breitenbach as the Ford River Township Clerk, effective May 31, 2013. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay Beth \$15 per hour for any training of the new township clerk after May 31.

Sandy chose not to receive training pay.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to approve the Dust Control Agreement for \$0.37 per gallon spot applied and \$0.32 per gallon continuous applied.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to approve to send Amanda, Sandy, and the new deputy clerk to the MTA Spring Regional Meeting in Marquette on June 5.

Moved B. Charles, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to approve to pay the treasurer \$2.50 per non-exempt parcel for the SET Collection rate for the 2013/2014 tax year.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to approve to send two members of the Planning Commission to the Right to Farm Act training on June 11.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to approve to send Rachael and five members of the Planning Commission to the Hot Topics Planning and Zoning MTA workshop on June 25.

Expenditures Policy - TABLED

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

Marvin Krause requested a fence around the West Ford River Cemetery. Rachael will look at the cemetery with Marvin and address it again at the next township meeting.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

Sandra Breitenbach, Clerk

Approved: