

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 11, 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

None

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Received Minutes:
January 14, 2013 Township Board Regular Meeting

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to accept minutes as read, contingent upon noted discrepancies being amended.

REPORTS

Received Reports
a. January 2013, Financial Report

Moved B. Charles, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to acknowledge the Financial Report.

Treasurer explained that while the Report is true and accurate, reconciled to actual bank balances, a discrepancy of approximately \$393.44 still exists. Treasurer believes that the amount was transferred into checking incorrectly. The Financial Report and bank balances will be reviewed against the ongoing budget at all future monthly meetings.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded D. Wellman, CARRIED, to transfer \$393.44 from the Wells Fargo checking to Wells Fargo savings to balance the books.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Planning Commission Minutes from 01/04/2013
2. Delta County Solid Waste Management Authority Minutes from 12/18/2012
3. Delta County Township Association Minutes from 10/25/2012

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

Received the January 2013 Water Report.

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

Jeff is still working with Kleiman's on the pump in Well #2 while the DEQ is continuing to sort through the files.

Jeff continues to keep a close eye on the exposed river crossing and will keep the board informed.

A report will now need to be printed with the amount of gallons used by the customers each month from the Utility Billing system.

Beth will send out a copy of the unpaid invoice and the Water Ordinance to the water customer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's January 2013, Maintenance Reports, the Treasurer's Report ending January 31, 2013.

Moved D. Wellman, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the Fire Reports.

Fire Chief updates:

1. 5 radios reprogrammed
2. DNR Grant items purchased.
3. Four officers attended the U.P. Fire Chiefs Training Seminar in Iron Mountain for \$10 each.

Amanda worked with the electrician and had lights put up out by the ice rink.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rachael is working on the web page administration.

The Zoning Ordinance is still being reviewed and will most likely be at the next meeting.

Moved A. Wagner, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to "forgive" the old fire call bills because they were not collected in a timely matter with the stipulation that in the future, unpaid invoices will be sent out monthly and will be pursued for collection sooner.

Budget Workshop will be held on Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adopt the Ford River Township Cemetery Ordinance. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

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

Nay: None
Absent: None

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED to adopt the Ford River Township Cemetery Resolution.

Moved D. Wellman, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to approve a Quick Claim Deed to turn Ford River Township land (located at Section 36, T39N, R24W) over to Bob Johnson, who will pay for this Deed.

E-Pollbook - TABLED

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds check #18963 to #18992 totaling \$10,361.60 and Water System Fund check #4972 to #4979 totaling \$1485.08.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to scrap the clerk's old computer and approve the purchase of a new computer (and set up) from Staples, not to exceed \$700.

Board of Review meetings will be held on March 3, @ 7 p.m., March 12, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., and March 14, from 3 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Tom Lindeman, Risk Control Representative from Michigan Township Participating Plan, met with Rachael and Jon and had a few recommendations; such as requesting a certificate of insurance from all service providers, possibly implementing a park ordinance, and changing out fire extinguishers.

As for the park, Gary does a playground check at least once a year. Rachael will talk with other townships about their park ordinances.

She will also talk to Jon about having the firefighters check the fire extinguishers yearly and question him regarding background checks.

Moved A. Wagner, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to approve the purchase of one plat book for \$34 to keep at the township hall.

Beth updated the Ford River Township Water Ordinance including the recommendations from Jeff. The Board discussed it, will review it further, and it will be put on next month's agenda.

Moved B. Charles, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to approve a budget line-item transfer of \$4,000 from Recreation to Township Board and \$350 from Recreation to Elections.

The Board of Review will review the Poverty Exemption when they meet in March.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

Dell gave us some background information on the old Ford River Bridge and showed us pictures of it. When the old bridge was washed away, they built a new one. He explained what happened and why the Bridge Ordinance was placed into effect.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

Beth Charles, Clerk

Approved: