

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2013, 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, Amanda Wagner, Patty Anderson, Delor Wellman, and Gary 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:

July 8, 2013 Township Board Regular Meeting.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded R. Fontaine, CARRIED, to accept the minutes as read.

July 3, 2013 Special Water Board Meeting

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the minutes as read.

July 13, 2013 Special Township Board Meeting

Items that were covered in that meeting was the resignation of township clerk S. Breitenbach. Patty Anderson was appointed the new township clerk. H2O in Motion was hired to handle the water system. A new refrigerator was purchased for the pavilion. A locator for the water system was also approved.

A.Wagner noted that a Roll Call Vote was taken at that meeting but not noted in the minutes.

Moved A. Wagner, seconded R. Fontaine, CARRIED to accept the minutes with this correction.

**REPORTS**

Received Reports

- a. July 2013 Financial Report: A. Wagner noted that there were no discrepancies and that the budget discrepancy of last month had been corrected.

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

- b. Tax Report: A. Wagner explained the purpose of this report was to show that everything taken in for taxes is also disbursed.

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

1. June and July Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
2. May 28, 2013 DSWMA meeting minutes
3. Notice of Hearing from UPPCO.
4. Assessor's Report of July.

## **WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

Received the July 2013 Water Report. Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Water Report.

- a. H2O in Motion began handling the water system on August 1, 2013. Jeff Lampi will be present for the transition and will be available throughout August for any questions. H2O will be present at every meeting after today.
- b. A copy of the walk through that was done with H2O was provided so that the board would be aware of what was covered.
- c. Billing Register for 07/2013: A list of customers for shutoff notices, and those with flat-rate billing, was provided.
- d. Pump transducer repair: Pump No. 2 was leaking. Kleiman Pump & Welling Digging stopped the leak. A new transducer has been ordered. Final payment is being held until the transducer is received.
- e. Water System Ordinance & Resolution Review. Discussion was tabled as H2O would like to provide recommendations. These recommendations will be provided next month.
- f. Well house checks: It was requested by H2O to reduce the checks at the well house to two visits per week. They gave supporting documentation from the DEQ showing that checking every other day was unnecessary for the size of our system. If problems arise, H2O is willing to go back and check the system when necessary.

A Motion was made by R. Fountaine that H2O can do the checks twice a week provided that if problems arise and it is decided that it has to go back to more days per week that they will do so .G. Boudreau, seconded. CARRIED.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Received the Fireman's July 2013 Maintenance Reports.

Fire Chief updates:

1. One fire in July at sawmill – being investigated as to cause.
2. Purchased fire extinguishers and equipment.
3. Fund raising efforts have allowed for the purchase of a glass cutter and other equipment.
4. The Smoke House was brought to the children's health fair at the fairgrounds on August 4, 2013.
5. Fire truck is still for sale and is still being advertised.
6. Additional wiring is being requested for lighting in the fire hall as with the new fire truck, certain areas of the fire hall are now much darker. Jon will provide an estimate next month.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the fire report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES**

- a. Roads: Correspondence was received from Rob Van Effen of the Road Commission stating that there is money available. The project to seal coat A-31 is estimated to cost \$18,000.00 meaning \$9,000.00 from the township with matching funds from the Road Commission. Moved D. Wellman, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the project.
- b. Discussion was held on what is defined as a seasonal road. D. Wellman informed the audience that the township is not responsible for maintenance of seasonal roads. It was suggested that concerned residents contact the road commission for their input.
- c. Zoning Ordinance: The Planning Commission has reviewed the ordinance and it is now with the attorney for review. Once received, it will go back to the Planning Commission and then there will be a Public Hearing before going before the Board. Anyone interested in making changes to road language, windmills and solar should attend the Planning Commission Meeting.
- d. Cemetery Ordinance: TABLED. R. Fountaine will meet with cemetery sextons for their input
- e. Brett French from the American Transmission Company will be making a presentation.
- f. Ice Cream Social is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds totaling \$22,405.30 and bills from the Water System Fund totaling \$3,118.34
- b. Signs for 9<sup>th</sup> Lane – A family has moved to 9<sup>th</sup> Lane with deaf family members. The husband is requesting deaf signs on 9<sup>th</sup> Lane out of family concerns. R. Fountaine has talked to Rob at the Road Commission. Two signs are needed and the township would be responsible for payment of the sign which would cost \$250.00 each. The Road Commission would put them up. The Road Commission will not adjust the speed signs because there is no apparent problem as per a speed study which was done. Further information will be provided next month.
- c. Cemetery – Russ Nelson reported that there are problems with the gas powered weed whacker used at the Cemetery. He will check to see what the cost of repair vs. replacement is.
- d. Barb Lindstrom asked that the Ford River Township Board develop and ordinance similar to what the Escanaba Township has developed regarding placement of the newly proposed transmission lines, a copy of which was presented to the Board.
- e. Brett French of ATC gave presentation followed by lengthy question/answer period.

## **PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT**

None

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

*Patricia Anderson*

Patricia Anderson, Clerk

*9/9/13*

Approved: