

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2013, FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

Called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Supervisor Rachael Fountaine, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Rachael Fountaine, 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 R. Fountaine, CARRIED to approve Agenda.

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

September 9, 2013 - Township Board Regular Meeting

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

REPORTS

Received Reports

- a. September, 2013 Financial Report: A. Wagner noted that when County settled taxes with the Township in August, the payment also included \$782.00 which was payment on a delinquent water bill that we had placed a lien on. The entire deposit was made to the general fund, so \$782.00 had to be transferred to the water fund. With that correction, there are no other discrepancies.

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

- b. September, 2013 Tax Report

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to accept the Tax Report.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Planning Commission – September Meeting minutes.
- 2. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Regular Meeting Minutes – August 2013
- 3. Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Bureau of Construction Codes notice of Public Hearing on 10/24/2013
- 4. Assessor's Report – September, 2013

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

Received the September, 2013 Water Report. Moved G. Boudreau, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to accept the Water Report.

- a. D. Wellman suggested that H2O in Motion inspect and verify the replacement of the water line at 3522 K. Road for completeness. The homeowner is asking for forgiveness of part of their water bill due to this leak. H2O will check on this and provide the information to the Board.
- b. The percentage of water loss will be monitored. The September report from H2O indicates that the percent of water loss is 11.6%
- c. H2O will be reporting all shut offs to the Township Clerk when they are shut off.
- d. Heater quotes – H2O provided the Board with two estimates for replacing the heater in the garage, one being from Berger and King and the other from Don's HVAC.

A Motion was made by R. Fountaine that we proceed with the quote from Don's HVAC, allowing them to replace the heater in the garage. G. Boudreau, seconded, CARRIED.

- e. H2O in Motion will contact Don's HVAC to proceed with the heater replacement.
- f. Water main flushing will be done on 10/17/2013. Resident notification will be published in newspaper and will be on the Township website.
- g. Water System Ordinance and Resolution – A copy of the latest revised Ordinance was provided to the Board. R. Fountaine explained that this had not been voted on as yet. She also provided the Board with copies of Water Ordinances from three other Townships for review. R. Fountaine would like to call a water workshop which will be held on 11/12/2013 at 6:30 p.m.
- h. Request for forgiveness of water bill at 3522 K Road will be tabled pending further information from H2O.
- i. A request for forgiveness of water bill at E5031 M-35 due to water leak was received. D. Wellman suggested the bill be considered after evidence that the leak has been repaired is received. P. Anderson will contact resident regarding this.
- j. R. Fountaine explained that a customer that had been shut off turned the water back on himself. Dana from H2O explained that a pad lock could be placed to prevent this. It was suggested that we purchase a few pads locks so that when H2O does shut offs, the locks could be placed. It is unknown as to how the water was actually turned back on. A, Wagner was in favor of applying pad locks to actual shut offs. D. Wellman voiced concern about people turning back their own water and also about the use of pad locks.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's September 2013 Maintenance reports.

Fire Chief updates:

1. There was a fire call on 10/7/2013 involving a tree on a power line. The tree was on private property, cut down by homeowner.
2. Fire truck is still for sale. There is still a problem with storing the truck for the winter. Jon will winterize the truck. It was suggested that the price on the truck be reduced to facilitate selling the truck.
3. There has been an increase in County funds for fire fighter training. Additional training sessions/challenges are therefore being considered.
4. Fire Prevention Week – Jon mentioned that fire fighters will be putting presentations on at schools, day care centers.
5. Pancake Breakfast will be held on 10/20/2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
6. Raffle sales are good. Tickets are still available.
7. Jon is requesting funds to purchase a vehicle stabilization kit and also a Wildman Fire Suit. There is still money available in the budget.

A Motion was made by R. Fountaine approving funds for the equipment requested by the Fire Chief. G. Boudreau, seconded. CARRIED.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- a. Zoning Ordinance: Attorney has approved the proposed changes from the Planning Commission and has agreed with them. There will be a public forum at the next Planning Commission meeting on 11/7/2013 at 7:00 p.m. This will be primarily for private roads.
- b. Cemetery Ordinance: Had previously been tabled. The ordinance had previously been opened. R. Nelson discussed his concerns about several issues including number of burials per grave and the number of stones per grave. R. Fountaine would not like to open the Ordinance at this time as this has been revised twice in one year. It was decided that if more issues come up, the Ordinance would be reopened. D. Wellman suggested that we have a special cemetery meeting to clarify things. P. Anderson will work with the sextons regarding these issues.
 1. Cemetery Equipment repairs – Equipment will be brought to local shop for maintenance and repairs.
- c. Historical Area – Ford River School Gym – It had been suggested that an area to house all of D. Wellman's historical information be considered. D. Wellman has talked to someone regarding managing the display after he, himself, is no longer able to do it. D. Wellman will contact this person to see if he is interested in chairing a Historical Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds totaling \$23,078.45 and bills from the Water System Fund totaling \$1534.33.
- b. Snowplowing Bids – Two bids have been received. Both companies had done it in the past and are familiar with the needs of the Township. There was discussion on comparison what is included in each. It was agreed that the area near the pavillion does not need to be plowed. R. Fountaine will contact C. Lundquist.

A Motion was made by G. Boudreau to accept the bid of C. Lundquist for the snowplowing. R. Fountain, seconded. CARRIED.

- c. Hannula Agency – Insurance Coverage – Premium has gone up due to purchase of new fire truck. Coverage of each vehicle was discussed. Replacement cost vs cost of new equipment was discussed. P. Anderson will contact Hannula to clarify coverage on each vehicle as listed on the policy. Further information on this will be provided at the next meeting.
- d. CUPPAD – 2014 Call for Projects – R. Fountaine will review this. Board members can also contact her with ideas.
- e. CUPPAD Hazard Mitigation Plans – R. Fountaine will check further into this. D. Wellman will be providing his knowledge. Hazards specific to Ford River will need to be documented.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

- a. R. Fountaine thanked H2O for their work after having taken over the water system.
- b. R. Fountaine thanked the sextons for all their concerns and efforts.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

Patricia Anderson

Patricia Anderson, Clerk

11/11/13

Approved: