

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 9, 2012, FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Charles Detiege who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Charles Detiege, Mary Jo Wellman, Delor Wellman, Gary Boudreau, and Beth Charles

Members absent: None

Audience sheet attached

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

AGENDA AND REPORTS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED to approve Agenda.

Received Reports

- a. March 2012, Treasurer's Report
- b. Budget Comparison Report
- c. F/Y Budget Report
- d. Income and Expense F/Y Report

Moved C. Detiege, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to acknowledge Treasurer's report.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to acknowledge Budget Comparison report.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to acknowledge F/Y Budget report.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to acknowledge F/Y Income and Expense report.

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

March 12, 2012 Township Board Regular Meeting

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to accept minutes as read.

Received Minutes:

March 6, 2012 Township Board Special Water Meeting

Moved C. Detiege, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept minutes as read.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Planning Commission Minutes from 03/01/2012
- 2. Bergman Law Office
- 3. Delta County Township Association meeting minutes from 02/23/2012

Moved B. Charles, seconded C. Detiege, CARRIED, to acknowledge Consent Agenda.

Moved B. Charles, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to approve letter from Bergman Law Office to Nancy Matthews.

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

Received the March 2012 Water Report.

Moved B. Charles, seconded C. Detiege, CARRIED, to accept the Water Report.

The Geothermal system rebate would be \$1.60 per square foot, which would be approximately an \$8,000 return. The system would have about a 10-year payback.

We need more information, including checking on heat-loss of township hall before Geothermal.
TABLED

MEDC Mediation: GEI would give \$8,000 in services
AECOM would give \$20,000 cash and services.

Charlie will call MEDC for counter offer. TABLED

Jeff's updates:

1. We are still waiting on pump.
2. Campground meter is in.
3. DEQ fire flow; drawing by engineering firm needed to submit to the state.
4. We need Miss Dig contracted for services. Jeff will look into.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's March 2012, Maintenance Reports, Treasurer's Report ending April 30, 2012.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to accept the Fire Reports.

Fire Chief updates:

1. Received Jaws-of-Life equipment
2. Pancake breakfast profit was \$1,839.16 and Carol and Terri donated \$25.
3. The fire department received a grant from Delta County Fire Fund for \$1,000.
4. Pancake breakfast and bake sale profit was \$1,839.16 plus \$25 from Lancour's.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to purchase 12 dry-chemical extinguishers and battery for defibrillator.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved D. Wellman, carried M. Wellman, CARRIED, to approve having a lawyer get involved with A5 road dilemma, who would then send a letter to the Attorney General. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: B. Charles, C. Detiege, M. Wellman, and D. Wellman

Nay: G. Boudreau

Absent: None

Moved C. Detiege, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to approve all board members to attend the DCRC Annual Township Supervisor workshop on April 19, 2012.

Discussed Cemetery Ordinance and made changes.

Township web page. TABLED

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds check #18503 to #18543 totaling \$14,181.70 and Water System Fund check #4861 to #4870 totaling \$2,316.03.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, for Charlie to contact at least three businesses to submit a quote on construction for handicap accessible bathrooms in the township hall.

Moved B. Charles, seconded C. Detiege, CARRIED, to approve \$2.00 per hour raise for all hourly wages.

Moved B. Charles, seconded C. Detiege, CARRIED, to approve the township sextons be paid \$250 for opening and closing and \$100 for cremation or child burial. The rest of the money received will be placed in a perpetual fund for the cemeteries.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to approve the Planning Commission meeting dates.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 meeting dates Resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: D. Wellman, C. Detiege, B. Charles, G. Boudreau, and M. Wellman

Nay: None

Absent: None

Moved B. Charles, seconded C. Detiege, CARRIED, to accept Audit Contract with Ray Payment, CPA for the 4/1/2010-3/31/2012 audits.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to approve five board members to attend the MTA Spring Meeting in Marquette on May 23, 2012 for \$79 each.

Moved D. Wellman, seconded C. Detiege, CARRIED, to approve paying Charlie \$18 per hour, up to 10 hours, to train the new township Supervisor.

Moved D. Wellman, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept Charles Detiege’s resignation.

Moved M. Wellman, seconded D. Wellman, CARRIED, to hire Rachael Fountaine as Ford River Township’s new Supervisor. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: B. Charles, M. Wellman, G. Boudreau, and D. Wellman

Nay: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

Tom Sabor introduced himself as the Delta County Treasurer.

Mary Harrington announced that she would be running for re-election for Delta County Commissioner.

Moved M. Wellman, seconded C. Detiege, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Beth Charles, Clerk

Approved: