

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 14, 2012, 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, Mary Jo Wellman, Delor Wellman, and Beth Charles

Members absent: Gary Boudreau

Audience sheet attached

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

AGENDA

Moved B. Charles, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED to approve Agenda.

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

April 9, 2012 Township Board Regular Meeting

Moved M. Wellman, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to accept minutes as read.

REPORTS

Received Reports

a. April 2012, Treasurer's Report

Moved B. Charles, seconded D. Wellman, CARRIED, to acknowledge Treasurer's report.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Planning Commission Minutes from 04/02/2012
2. Delta County Township Association meeting minutes from 03/22/2012

Moved B. Charles, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to acknowledge Consent Agenda.

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

Received the April 2012 Water Report.

Moved B. Charles, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to accept the Water Report.

Jeff's updates:

1. Need to fix pump.

Moved B. Charles, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to have Kleiman check out pumps for a maximum of \$600.

Discussed heat efficiency, or lack there of, the township hall.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to put open-bid announcement in newspaper for geothermal installation.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to put a notice of the flushing of water system in the newspaper.

MEDC 1 water project is officially closed.

AECOM is discussing the counter offer and we should have an offer for the next meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

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

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

Fire Chief updates:

1. Jaws-of-Life training in June.
2. Received DNR grant with a 50/50 match.
3. Fund raising for races and the Fun Run.
4. Dave Korpi is a new firefighter.
5. Ordering fire truck soon and will get it between October and January. 90% down payment and 10% final payment on delivery would save us \$7,100.
6. CPR and instructor status as been approved

Moved B. Charles, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, for Jaws of Life training in June for the firefighters at a cost of \$300 - \$350.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bergman Law Office, P.C. said that according to the McNutt Act, the Ford Rover Township has no responsibility for A5 Road. Any dispute is between Mr. Valiquette and the Delta County Road Commission. Rachael will continue to call Ed McBroom and Tom Casperson.

Moved D. Wellman, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, carried to approve the Delta County Road Commission to begin work on A-19 for approximately \$28,632 and A-35 for approximately \$57,057. Upon a roll-call vote, the following voted:

Aye: D. Wellman, B. Charles, D. Wellman, and R. Fountaine.

Nay: none

Absent: G. Boudreau

Moved M. Wellman, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to approve the Dust Control Agreement for \$0.34 cost per gallon spot applied and \$0.31 cost per gallon continuous applied.

Moved D. Wellman, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to adopt the Ford River Township Cemetery Ordinance. Upon a roll-call vote, the following voted:

Aye: B. Charles, R. Fountaine, M. Wellman, and D. Wellman

Nay: None

Absent: G. Boudreau

Township web page> TABLED

Parking lot> TABLED

Cemetery Fund> TABLED

Discussion took place regarding handicapped bathrooms. Rachael will continue to gather opinions, advice, and estimates from contractors.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved M. Wellman, seconded R. Fontaine, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds check #18544 to #18579 totaling \$11,751.65 and Water System Fund check #4871 to #4883 totaling \$1,355.20.

Moved R. Fontaine, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to approve Beth to attend the Administrative Assistant Seminar in Marquette on May 31st.

Moved B. Charles, seconded R. Fontaine, CARRIED, to approve SET rate at \$2.50 per taxable parcel divided into 12 months to pay the township treasurer.

Moved B. Charles, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to approve five board members to attend the MTA U.P. Summit at the Island Resort & Casino Center on July 25-26.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

Mary Harrington gave an update on the improvements to the county parks.

Ray Fettig commended Delor for good work done on the roads.

Need to name road at Bittner sub-division.

Discussed cemetery headstones falling over. Bob Magnuson will look into fixing them.

Moved R. Fontaine, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Beth Charles, Clerk

Approved: