

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 09, 2012, FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

Called to order at 7:02 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

AGENDA AND REPORTS

Charlie added 9 e. -- Nancy's leak, and 12 d. -- New website

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

Received Reports

- a. December 2011, Treasurer's Report
- b. Quarterly budget report

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to acknowledge treasurer's report.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to acknowledge Quarterly budget report.

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

December 12, 2011 Township Board Regular Meeting

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M.Wellman, CARRIED, to accept minutes as read.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Township Planning Commission meeting minutes from 12/01/2011
- 2. Assessor's report for 12/2011
- 3. Daily Press
- 4. U.P. Action Annual meeting
- 5. Upper Peninsula Economic Development Alliance
- 6. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority meeting minutes from 10/25/2011 & 11/29/2011
- 7. Northern Michigan Public Service Academy

Moved C. Detiege, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to acknowledge consent agenda.

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

Received the December 2011 Water Report.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded C. Detiege, CARRIED, to accept the Water Report.

Jeff Lampi's water updates:

1. Pascoe service was put in.
2. Kleiman is still investigating the problem with air in the lines. It is coming in through one of the pumps, but not sure which one. We will need to purchase a new one in the near future.

We are getting a quote for geothermal heat for the township and fire halls. They guessed at about \$30,000 with a possible 70% tax credit.

Nancy Mathews hired Brunette's to fix the leak in her water line. She hired them for \$600. They are not a licensed plumber so it will be her responsibility to pay the bill. The meter is not in front of her property so she feels it is our responsibility. Charlie checked with MTA and our township ordinance on this issue and the customer is responsible for their own service line. Nancy would also like the meter moved to the front of her property. Cost would be approximately \$4,000.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to acknowledge the fact that it is Nancy Mathews' responsibility from the meter pit to her house and therefore her responsibility to pay for any service work done on it.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's December 2011, Maintenance Reports, Treasurer's Report ending December 31, 2011, and the Annual Fire Report.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded C. Detiege, CARRIED, to accept the Fire Reports.

Fire Chief updates:

1. Only had 18 fire runs in 2011.
2. Purchased cleaning solutions for air masks.
3. Ice rink frame will be at hall this week.

Moved B. Charles, seconded C. Detiege, CARRIED, for Jon and Brian to attend the U.P. Fire Chiefs' and Officer 101 seminars for \$10 each.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to install floodlights with sensors for around the ice rink.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Charlie said he talked to Senator Casperson about A5 road and the senator is going to talk to the Attorney General.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded C. Detiege, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds check #18366 to #18429 totaling \$15,211.02 and Water System Fund check #4820 to #4831 totaling \$2,887.85.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded, M. Wellman, CARRIED, to approve Payroll Law training on Marquette on January 30, 2012.

Business cards/magnets – POSTPONED

Charlie is going to look into starting up a website for Ford River Township.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

Congratulations to Jeff on his new position.

January 18th at 7 p.m. is the cemetery meeting.

Del discussed with us some information on the Ford River Township roads.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded C. Detiege, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Beth Charles, Clerk

Approved: