

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 10, 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, Amanda Wagner, Beth Charles, and Delor Wellman

Members absent: Gary Boudreau

Audience sheet attached

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Add 12. l. and 12. m. to agenda

AGENDA

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED to approve Agenda.

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

November 12, 2012 Township Board Regular Meeting

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept minutes as read.

REPORTS

Received Reports

a. November, 2012, Financial Report

Moved B. Charles, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to acknowledge the Financial Report.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Planning Commission Minutes from 11/01/2012
2. Delta County Solid Waste Management Authority Minutes from 10/23/12
3. List of newly elected officials.

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

Received the November 2012 Water Report.

Moved B. Charles, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Water Report.

Rachael and Gary met with Mr. Otoole, Bill Farrell, and Jeff Lampi to discuss mutual aid in emergency situations. Rachael will prepare a draft of the Mutual Aid Protection Agreement to be brought to the January meeting.

The DEQ let us bury the pump that was dropped into Well #1 and Kleiman's have completed the Abandonment process.

Kleiman's will be meeting with Jeff this week to discuss the specifications of replacing the pump in Well #2. A date to replace it will hopefully be scheduled at that time.

Jeff covered the exposed river crossing with over 8" of insulation in a 4' x 8' section with an additional 2" covering an 8' x 8' area over the main. He then fenced the entire area off with snow fence and he will keep a close eye on this. Replacement cost is estimated at \$90,000.

Rachael will consult Mr. Bergman regarding an overdue water bill and bring it back to the board next month.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

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

Moved B. Charles, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Fire Reports.

Fire Chief updates:

1. Raffle brought in \$4,700.
2. With the Hannahville Indian Community grant, two air packs were ordered.
3. Awarded a DNR Grant for \$1,785 and will order personal protective equipment and wild land suits.
4. New hose ordered.
5. This year is record-low for fire calls and record-high for fundraising.

Unpaid fire call bills will be sent out one more time and will be assessed next month. In the future, Beth will turn unpaid fire calls over quarterly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The township web page has a calendar on it now. It was suggested that we should designate which board member is responsible for what.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendations for changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: G. Boudreau

NEW BUSINESS

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds check #18862 to #18894 totaling \$12,479.33 and Water System Fund check #4948 to #4960 totaling \$1,974.76.

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Moved A. Wagner, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to approve the members of the Board of Review to attend MTA training.

Moved D. Wellman, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to approve Beth and Amanda to meet with Ray Payment, CPA for financial review.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to approve the purchase of four of "Authorities & Responsibilities" books for \$45 each.

Moved B. Charles, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to appoint Russ Nelson, Craig Gundry, and Bill Nelson to the Board of Review full time, and Bill Dulle and Tom Trudgeon as alternates.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adopt a resolution in support of Delta County's Competitive Grant Assistance Program (CGAP) for the development of a Unified Tax Assessment and Equalization System. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

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

Nay: None
Absent: G. Boudreau

An FYI that Merit has a broadband website at www.merit.edu .

Rachael requested the departments to give her a “wish list” for the next fiscal year budget.

Rachael talked about going over each ordinance. She will bring one to each monthly meeting for review. If it is no longer needed, we can repeal it.

Moved D. Wellman, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to approve the purchase of a printer for the treasurer not to exceed \$200.

The State Highway M35 Parking Prohibition Policy was discussed and is now obsolete. Rachael is checking into the proper procedure to close this out.

Discussion took place regarding the cemetery hood. Russ will look into it’s value. In addition, the Cemetery Ordinance should be redone including winter burial rates.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

The board agreed to have the agenda ready by the Friday before the monthly meeting so that all members may have time to review. Any thing that comes in after Friday will be added only if need be.

Moved A. Wagner, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Beth Charles, Clerk

Approved: