

FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2017 FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor, R. Fountaine, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: R. Fountaine, D. Wellman, L. Hammerberg, A. Wagner, G. Boudreau

Members absent: None

Audience sheet attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

AGENDA

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED to approve the Agenda.

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes – February, 2017

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular meeting minutes.

REPORTS

Received Reports.

- a. February, 2017 Financial Reports: The treasurer and clerk were in balance with the bank.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to acknowledge the financial reports.

- b. Rachael noted we need to move \$350 from the Contingency Fund to Street Lights. Street Lights line item was negative due to UPPCO rate increase.

Moved, L. Hammerberg, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to move money from Contingency Fund to Street lights.

The Township Board Meeting recessed at 7:07 PM For the Public Hearing

BUDGET HEARING

- a. R. Fountaine went over the highlights of the budget.
- c. Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018.
- d. Move R. Fountaine, second G. Boudreau, CARRIED to increase the Water dept. night call out to \$20 an hour from 7 am to 7 pm for a maximum of three hours.
- e. Adjourned the public Budget Hearing and reconvened to the regular meeting at 7:15 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – February, 2017

2. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes – January, 2017
3. Delta County Township Association and Meeting Minutes – February, 2017
4. UPPCO Holding a Public Hearing – March 14th, 2017

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's Report of February, 2017– Maintenance Reports/Treasurer's Report:

Fire Chief Updates

- a. Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the fire department report.

- b. Pancake Breakfast – April 23, 2017
- c. Brian would like \$5,000 of 2016/2017 Budget to roll over to pay for the Fire Equipment from the DNR Grant. It will be ordered in July. It is a 50/50 Grant. Rachael does not want to append the budget because it was previously approved. The money can be moved out of the Contingency Fund to the Fire Fund Next Meeting.
- d. Valley Med Flight has Open House Friday March 17, 2017 3-7 PM
- e. Brian is finalizing the list for the gear.

MFR

- a. Todd Holland gave MFR report.
- b. 13 MFR Calls in February
- c. Rachael asked Todd Holland to report MFR as Fiscal year instead of calendar year going forward.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the MFR report.

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. February, 2017 water system report was received. Mark Rose was present.
- b. Mark noted there were no freeze ups.
- c. Mark had LP Gas Delivery in February.
- d. February 7th the DEQ stopped to see the System and did a generator test that passed.
- e. Miss Dig on M-35
- f. In February Mark was alerted while out of town, that the Well House was too warm. He sent Jay Deshambo to check it out he turned the heaters down.
- g. The Rosemurgy house was turned on Feb. 27, 2017 to check for leaks (21 leaks in the house previously) it is not currently leaking.
- h. Mark noted he would like Don's Heating to check out the heater in the Well house, it may need service. It does not turn on.

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

- i. Mark will check on Ward Gasman, Lou Ostrander and Charles Snyder for high usage.
- j. DEQ – 2017 U.P. Water Works /Operators Cert. Exam \$110.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, for Mark to go to Certification training for \$110.

- k. Water System Billing Software we have a quote from RVS and waiting on the BS&A quote.
- l. Rachael would like Lisa to reach out to other Twp. with water to see what they use.
- m. Water shut Offs. – Amanda will confirm accounts before going forward with shutoffs.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance Violation Complaint Form, Website designer is helping Rachael with the form
- b. Quick Books training for Clerk – When tax season is over we will be starting training at \$55 hour up to 27 hours max though Anderson Tackman.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, for L. Hammerberg (Clerk) to get Quick Books trained at \$55 Hour for a max of 27 hours.

- c. Anderson Tackman can't take us on right now because they are short staffed but they may be able to by next year.
- d. Tractor/Backhoe – Knauff came and looked at it and he estimates \$4500 - \$6500. \$4500 is if the pump is bad and Dell thinks it is. Rachael would like to put it up for bid, Gary says \$4000 minimum bid.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, if the backhoe sells at \$4000 the money will go back into the General Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$17250.07 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$43951.65

- b. Planning Commission training – Webinar for Medical Marijuana \$65 Per person at 6 people plus wages.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, Planning Commission to attend training for 6 people at \$65 plus wages. (Webinar \$35, Bay College rental \$30)

- c. Township meeting dates for FY 2017/2018

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, L. Hammerberg, CARRIED, for accept Township Meeting dates FY 2017-2018.

Roll call Vote to accept meeting dates FY 2017-2018
 AYE - G. Boudreau, A. Wagner, R. Fountaine, D. Wellman, L. Hammerberg

Nay – None

- d. Rachael needs a PC member on the zoning board of appeals. Rachael would like to move Tad Fountaine to an alternate and make Ray Fettig a member.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, Accept Ray Fettig as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Tad Fountaine an Alternate.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

- a. Jill Martin – gave a report to possibly expand Broadband service in Ford River. Jill has spoken with Peninsula Fiber Network and they are interested in looking further into this as well. Jill is also looking into different funding that may be available and would like to see if other people in Ford River. She will continue to look into this further and would welcome any help.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Lisa Hammerberg, Clerk:



Approved:

