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**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 10, 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 – March, 2017

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

REPORTS

Received Reports.

- a. March, 2017 Financial Reports: The treasurer and clerk were in balance with the bank.
- b. Ending Last 2016/017 Budget, Lisa noted .28 cents was moved from Contingency Fund to Street Lights Fund.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, L. Hammerberg, CARRIED, to acknowledge the financial reports and Lisa moved money from Contingency Fund to Street lights.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Assessor March/April 2017 Report.
- 2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – March, 2017
- 3. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes – February, 2017
- 4. Delta County Township Association Minutes Agenda– March, 2017
- 5. CUPPAD

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's Report of March, 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. Brian turned in Fire Equipment from Pomasl Fire Equipment and Napa Auto Parts to Clerk.
- c. Brian put together the Fire Callouts for 2016/2017 there were 29 calls. The majority are vehicle accidents and chimney fires.
- d. Brian received Delta County Fire Fund Check in the mail for \$554.17 it will go to batteries for radios, pagers and another pager as well.
- e. Brian purchased a nitrogen tank from Airgas for fire extinguishers.
- f. In Business meeting Simmons stepped down as Captain but will stay on as medic and fire fighter. Dustin Levesque was elected to replace Simmons as Captain.
- g. Garage clean-up started and Brian would like the back right corner for their use.
- h. Brian is in need of fire extinguisher supplies, vise and 1 new fire extinguisher. The quote from Land and Fire Protection was \$870.83 at their cost.
- i. Brian reminded Board of Pancake Breakfast April 23rd 8 am to 1:30 pm.
- j. Fire calls/ vehicle accidents – Resident called to have a bill in collection for non-payment be removed, in 2015 his wife had a vehicle accident. Rachael sent this to the Twp. attorney to make sure we are handling accidents right. Rachael advised resident the Board could not forgive it unless the attorney finds we are incorrect. New billing system for billing fire calls was put in place to keep incident report, invoice and payment receipt together for a better paper trail. Clerk will give a copy to Treasurer.

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

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to allow up to \$900 to purchase fire extinguisher needs.

MFR

- a. Todd Holland gave MFR report.
- b. 12 MFR Calls in March. There were 35 calls from January to March 2017.
- c. Reimbursement will be paid off the vouchers like fire. This quarters MFR calls will be paid out of March 2017.

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. February, 2017 water system report was received. Mark Rose was present.
- b. Mark had LP Gas Delivery in February.
- c. Heater in garage is temperamental, Don's heating came and said the valve needs to be replaced. Mark will get a cost from Don's Heating and let Board know.
- d. Dixon engineering called regarding tank inspection. It will be done in July or August 2017.

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

- e. Board decided to go with RVS for the new Water billing software contingent on if Clerk's laptop meets their operating specs.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, L. Hammerberg, CARRIED, to go with RVS as the water billing software contingent on computer meeting operating specs.

- f. Water shut offs – starting next meeting, a list of the prior months shutoffs will be included into the packet.
- g. Ward Gasman wrote a letter asking for forgiveness or a 3-month payment plan for his water overages. The Board approved a 3-month payment plan of \$88.56 plus the \$39 regular bill.

Moved, L. Hammerberg, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept a 3-month payment plan of \$88.56 plus the \$39 regular bill for Ward Gasman due to water overages on a leaking toilet.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance Violation Complaint Form, Rachael is having problems with the form and will continue to work on it.
- b. New accountant – Anderson Tackman the Escanaba office could not take us on as a client but the Iron Mountain or Marquette office may be able to. Board agreed Clerk is free to obtain an accountant.
- c. Fire signs – Rachael brought in a sample of a sign. There was interest from the Board for Rachael to continue to look into new fire signs for the Twp.
- d. Tractor/Backhoe – Clerk will put an Ad into The Daily Press for the Board to accept bids for the backhoe for a min. bid of \$4,000. Sealed bids will be accepted until 5/5/17. The backhoe will be available to see at Pancake breakfast on 04/23/17 from 10-1:30.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$ and the Water Fund in the amount of \$2304.22

- b. Board Alger Delta Electric is requesting a franchise in Ford River.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to accept the Alger Delta Franchise.

- c. Medical Marijuana Packet - we will revisit in the future to decide if we will allow these facilities in the Twp. Rachael encouraged residents to attend the next session on May 11, 2017 @6:00 pm @ Bay College if they have any questions to bring to the board.
- d. The Board decided not interest Foreclosed property by H Rd.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to waive our right to foreclosed property.

- e. The cost for the project material for Jaeger Road improvements came in at \$181,500.
- f. Training for Clerk from previous Clerk was capped.
- g. Lisa stated that dates on payment vouchers should be only be for one month and not have multiple months listed for payroll purposes.
- h. Board approves Charter Filing for franchise in Ford River.
- i. Board agreed to allow the maintenance man to put some Ford River History that Delor has up above the voting station in the Hall. Board would consider if someone wants to come up with a solution for a more permanent home.

Moved, R. Fountain seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, for Board to approve Charter Filing for franchise in Ford River.

- j. Salary resolution for Board members.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountain, CARRIED, to accept the Salary Resolution for the Treasure of \$13,913.66.

Roll call Vote to accept to accept the Salary Resolution for the Treasure of \$13,913.66.

AYE - G. Boudreau, A. Wagner, R. Fountaine, D. Wellman, L. Hammerberg
Nay - None

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Salary Resolution for the Supervisor of \$13,913.66.

Roll call Vote to accept to accept the Salary Resolution for the Supervisor of \$13,913.66.

AYE - G. Boudreau, A. Wagner, R. Fountaine, D. Wellman, L. Hammerberg
Nay - None

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Salary Resolution for the Clerk of \$13,913.66.

Roll call Vote to accept the Salary Resolution for the Clerk of \$13,913.66.

AYE - G. Boudreau, A. Wagner, R. Fountaine, D. Wellman, L. Hammerberg
Nay - None

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded, L. Hammerberg, CARRIED, to accept the Salary Resolution for the Trustees of \$1284.34.

Roll call Vote to accept the Salary Resolution for the Trustees of \$1284.34.

AYE - G. Boudreau, A. Wagner, R. Fountaine, D. Wellman, L. Hammerberg
Nay - None

- k. General Appropriation act for FY 2017/2018 for \$627,399.84

Moved, L. Hammerberg, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the General Appropriation act for FY 2017/2018 for \$627,399.84.

Roll call Vote to accept General Appropriation act for FY 2017/2018 for \$627,399.84.

AYE - G. Boudreau, A. Wagner, R. Fountaine, D. Wellman, L. Hammerberg
Nay - None

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

- a. Russ Nelson stated the John from Lakeshore Accounting may be available for accountant services.
- b. Debbie Brown stated there are many other places that offer Quickbooks training.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Lisa Hammerberg, Clerk:

Lisa Hammerberg

Approved:

5/8/17