

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2013, 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, Patty Anderson, Delor Wellman, and Gary Boudreau

Members absent: None

Audience sheet attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

October 14, 2013 - Township Board Regular Meeting

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the minutes as read.

REPORTS

Received Reports

- a. October, 2013 Financial Report: A. Wagner reported that the treasurer and clerk were in balance.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to acknowledge the Financial Report

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Regular Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2013
2. Ford River Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2013
3. CUPPAD – Meeting of the Delta County subcommittee of the 12B Rural Task Force
4. UPPCO – November meeting in Lansing

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. H2O had been asked at the last meeting to investigate a water leak at 3522 K Road as the customer had requested forgiveness of the bill. Dana from H2O reported that this had been investigated and the meter pit was so full

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- of water that an accurate read could not be taken and that the curb box and rod, which are used to turn water on and off, were not in place. H2O had talked to the customer and was told that it would be replaced. It has not been done yet. H2O suggested that a letter be sent to the customer regarding this. P. Anderson will draft and send letter.
- b. The percentage of water loss is being monitored. The October report from H2O indicates that the percent of water loss is 11.7%
 - c. The garage heater will be installed on 12/23/2013
 - d. The water meter in the fire hall has been installed.
 - e. Water is high at the river crossing.
 - f. Hydrant flushing had been done and the report is available which will be discussed at the Water System Work Shop meeting on 11/12/2013.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to accept the Water Report

- g. Meter reading audit report was given to H2O regarding high usage customers. D. Wellman suggested that all high usage residences be checked for leaks as some leaks may be in the house and not necessarily outside. H2O will look further into this and report at the next meeting.
- h. Water Ordinance and Resolution work shop on 11/12/13 at 6:30 p.m.
- i. D. Wellman discussed the removal of the scrap metal near the well house. He had contacted Coplan's and they do not come out to pick up scrap. A&L Scrap Metal has a hopper but the scrap would need to be loaded. D. Wellman suggested that possibly the fire department could run a back hoe to pick up the 13 pipes using straps. Monies received from the scrap, which would be about \$500.00 could be used for painting next year. Jon Giese suggested that this could be a fund raising project for the fire department. The funds would be split between the fire department and the Board. Two pipes will be sold for \$20.00 per pipe.

A Motion was made by G. Boudreau to allow the fire department to hold dispose of the scrap metal for a 50/50 share in proceeds and also to sell 2 pieces of pipe for \$20.00 each. A. Wagner, seconded. CARRIED.

- j. Hydrant Replacement – One hydrant was ordered by ETNA as per previous discussions. Hydrant will arrive in next week and will be delivered to the City of Eacanaba. R. Fountaine will check on available contractors.

A Motion was made by R. Fountaine that she be allowed to hire an available contractor for installation of the hydrant before the winter. G. Boudreau, seconded. CARRIED.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's October 2013 Maintenance reports.

Fire Chief updates:

- 1. Jon reported some problems with equipment which are being addressed.
- 2. FEMA Grant monies will be used for air packs with communicators.
- 3. Raffle tickets are still available for drawing next month.

4. Pancake Breakfast – \$14174.89 profit. An air monitoring device has been purchased.
5. Fire truck is still for sale. There is still a problem with storing the truck for the winter. Jon has winterized the truck. Truck is now being advertised on the Internet.

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

6. There was discussion of actual usage of ice rink last year. Location will be changed to find flatter area and also that it would be more visible to the public. More advertising of the rink would also be helpful.
7. Snow removal also has been a problem. Jon suggested that the Township purchase a snow blower to be used on the Cub Cadet to facilitate snow removal. Price would be around \$1600.00.

A Motion was made by G. Boudreau that the Board purchase a snow blower attachment for the Cub Cadet up to \$1600.00. A. Wagner, seconded. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- a. Zoning Ordinance: This has been passed by the Planning Commission.

A Motion was made by G. Boudreau that we accept the changes to the Zoning Ordinance. A. Wagner, seconded. CARRIED.

- b. Hannula Agency – The figures included in the insurance policy are that of what the insurance company will reimburse up to but is not the actual replacement cost. The Township would have to provide the insurance company with replacement values which would then raise insurance premiums. This will be reviewed again when the policy is renewed.
- c. Upcoming Events –
 1. Board of Review – 12/10/13 at 5:30 p.m. – 1 hour
 2. Water Workshop – 11/12/13 – 6:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds totaling \$43,165.58 and bills from the Water Fund totaling \$3,065.49.
- b. D. Brown described problems she is having with water drainage and asked the Board with help in getting assistance with this situation. She has contacted various agencies to no avail. R. Fountaine will contact the Road Commission regarding this. M. Harrington will provide Debbie with the phone number of the Drain Commission.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

- a. G. Boudreau thanked all veterans for their service.

- b. R. Fountaine asked M. Harrington about the fly-over information. She will check into this and contact R. Fountaine with the information.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Patricia Anderson

Patricia Anderson, Clerk

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Approved: