

FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 9, 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

Change to the Agenda – R. Fountaine requested that Fire Department Business will be discussed before the Water System Business to allow J. Giese to do some work on the fire truck.

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

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

November 11, 2013 - Township Board Regular Meeting

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

REPORTS

Received Reports

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. DEQ – Notice of New Office Location
2. Ford River Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2013
3. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Regular Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2013
4. Assessor's Report of December, 2013.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's November 2013 Maintenance Reports

Fire Chief Updates:

- 2013
1. Equipment is being serviced.
 2. Fire Calls: One vehicle roll-over, one False Alarm and one Structure Fire. Fire Reports have been handed in for billing purposes.
 3. FEMA request has been submitted for 6 air bags
 4. Raffle drawing yielded approximately \$5,000.00. Proceeds were used to purchase a stabilization kit and tools.
 5. The fire department has one new member. There are now 32 members.

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

6. Fire Truck is drained and winterized. It is sill for sale and is being advertised.
7. Ice Rink – Jon reported the best location has been found. Actual formation will begin with a good snowfall.
8. R. Fountaine reported that she had looked for a snow plow but did not realize that the Board had approved \$1600.00 not the \$1500.00 that she thought was approved. It was determined that it was actually a snow blower attachment kit that was approved. Discussion was held as to what actual equipment would be most beneficial. R. Fountaine and A. Wagner will look further into this.

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. R. Fountaine talked about monitoring pressure in the fire hall. D. Kralovetz of H2O in Motion reported that a pressure gauge could be installed to monitor the pressure.
- b.

A Motion was made by R. Fountaine that a pressure gauge be purchased and installed by H2O In Motion for the monitoring of the meter in the fire hall. A. Wagner, seconded. CARRIED.

- c. There were no water shut offs in November. High usage was investigated.
- d. There were 18 Miss Dig e-mails but none that H2O in Motion had to act upon.
- e. The percent of water loss is down to 9.3%.
- f. The heater in the garage is going to be installed on 12/23/2013.
- g. 3522 K Road was investigated by H2O. A letter had been previously sent to the resident on 11/15/2013. H2O checked the situation on 12/5/2013 and the problem has still not been resolved. A follow-up letter will be sent to the resident by P. Anderson notifying them that unless the situation as previously discussed is corrected by 12/30/2013, the resident will face fines as outlined in the Water System Ordinance of \$250.00.
- h. J. Giese asked about the possibility of the Township purchasing a on-demand hot water system for the fire hall. J. Giese will provide a price quote on this at the next meeting.

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

- i. Meter Read Audit Report – H2O reported that all high usage reads are investigated and the customers are notified of problems.
- j. Water System Ordinance and Resolution Review – Water workshop was held on 11/12/2013. A Service Request Form and Water Billing Application is being considered. The Board will review the changes to the proposed Ordinance and Resolution. A specific Permit is being considered to be included in the Ordinance. The Board will review the proposed corrections to the Ordinance and further discussion will be held at the next meeting.
- k. Removal of Hydrant – D. Kralovetz reported that the hydrant had been replaced by DeGrand Construction and that also a valve needed to be replaced. The old hydrant is still on the property and will need to be removed.
- l. Removal of Scrap Metal – Discussion was held regarding the removal in the spring. D. Wellman reported that Frank Nelson has offered to remove the scrap metal at no charge. It had previously been decided that the fire department would remove the scrap metal and the proceeds would be split 50/50 between the fire department and the Township.

A motion was made by G. Boudreau to rescind the previous motion made at the 11/11/2013 Township Regular Board Meeting to allow the fire department to dispose of the scrap metal for a 50/50 share in the proceeds and also to sell two pieces of pipe for \$20.00 each which was seconded by A. Wagner.

Moved by G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the offer from Frank Nelson to remove the scrap metal for no charge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- a. **Zoning Ordinance:** The Ordinance has been sent to the County.
- b. Upcoming Events –
 1. Board of Review Meeting – 12/10/2013 – 5:30 p.m – 1 hour

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds totaling \$16,720.59 and bills from the Water Fund totaling \$7,310.02.
- b. Replacement of American Flag at Pavilion – The flag is torn. A. Wagner will check with Tom King to see if the flag had been donated to make sure that the flag is disposed of properly. A. Wagner will purchase a new one.

Moved by G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to replace the American Flag at the Pavillion.

- c. Platted Lot Split Ordinance – R. Fountaine discussed that she cannot proceed with requested lot split without an Ordinance. A sample from Deerfield

Township has been received for review. This has been brought to the Planning Commission. This will be taken to the attorney and will be further discussed at next month's meeting.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

- a. Treasurer Tax Collection Office Hours – 12/27/2013 - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., 2/14/2014 – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., 2/28/2014 – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. R. Fountaine will post on website and P. Anderson will post outside of town hall.
- b. R. Fettig requested that proposed Ordinances be posted on the website. R. Fountaine explained why she is not in favor of posting on the web site but will provided the information as requested. He also asked about a Junk Ordinance. R. Fountaine explained that there is one which should be on the website.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 7:53` p.m.



Patricia Anderson, Clerk



Approved: