

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 11, 2015 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, Patty Anderson, Delor Wellman, 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 Agenda.

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes – 4/13/2015

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular Meeting minutes as read.

REPORTS

Received Reports.

- a. April, 2015 Financial Reports: A. Wagner reported that the treasurer and clerk were in balance.
- b. R. Fountaine would like to try a new format for the budget. P. Anderson will look into this.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to acknowledge the Financial Reports with the understanding that a budget out of Quickbooks will be looked into.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Regular Meeting Minutes – March, 2015.
2. Assessor's Report of April, 2015
3. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – April, 2015
4. Public Service Commission Notification
5. CUPPAD Notice
6. Escanaba Public Library Board Meeting Invitation

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's April, 2015 – Maintenance Reports/Treasurer's Report

Fire Chief Updates

1. There is a leak in the roof in the fire hall. R. Fountaine will notify the maintenance man.
2. The fire department has received the 2% grant which will be used for air bag.

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

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. April, 2015 water system report was received.
- b. Resident Requesting to Move Water Service – Mark suggested that a totally new line be put in going straight across to the main. A splice should not be used. The main is on the other side of the highway. This would be at the customer's expense. The \$600.00 mentioned in the letter is now owed to the County and not the Township. Therefore, any monies need to be paid directly to the County.
- c. A Special Water System Meeting will be scheduled for June 6, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- a. Repair of Fence near Pavilion – Defendant did not show up at Small Claims Court. A default judgement was received by the Township. The claim was filed with the Township's insurance company and the check has been received for \$499.94 which is the total bill less the deductible of \$500.00. Delta Fence will be scheduling the repair. R. Fountaine will have the maintenance man look into temporarily repairing the fence.
- b. Equalization Agreement – There has been no further progress.
- c. Trimmer for Cemetery – M. Krause got two quotes. It was decided to go with the trimmer available at Northgate.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to purchase the trimmer from Northgate Equipment in the amount of \$210.00.

- d. MSUE Trainings – There is a charge for one of the meetings, Leadership through Effective Meetings which is \$40.00 per person.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to allow three people to attend the Leadership through Effective Meetings at the cost of \$40.00 per person. If R. Fountaine is able to go, there would be a fourth person.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$15,614.91 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$1,915.17. The bills for Cooper Office Equipment will be further looked into.

- a. Ice Cream Social – R. Fountaine asked if the Fire Department might want to take this over as a fundraiser for the Volunteer Fire Department. A possible date would be 9/13/2015. Jon will check with the members of the fire department regarding this.
- b. The Township attorney, John Bergman, has passed away. R. Fountaine talked to his son, who is taking over his father’s cases. He does do Township Law. R. Fountaine felt that the Township should stay with J. Bergman, Jr. as his law office has all the Township records at least on a short term basis.
- c. Pest Control – R. Fountaine suggested that the Township have Penozza Pest Control spray the well house, pavilion and Township Hall, Fire Hall and sheds at both cemeteries.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to allow Penozza Pest Control to spray the well house, pavilion, Township Hall, fire hall and sheds at both cemeteries provided the cost is less than \$1000.00.

- d. Landscaping – R. Fountaine provided an estimate that she requested from Bittner Excavating to top dress with washed stone on both sides of firehall under eaves and apply topsoil between fire hydrant and parking lot at township hall, installing 15 cyds topsoil, rake, seed, fertilize and mulch. The estimated cost is \$625.00.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to hire Bittner Engineering to bring in top soil and stone to fix areas at the pavilion and fire hall.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Patricia Anderson

Patricia Anderson, Clerk

6/8/15

Approved: