

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2017 FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

Members present: R. Fontaine, 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 – January, 2017
Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes – December, 2016 Correction Russ Nelson was appointed to BOR.

Moved, Rachael Fontaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular meeting minutes.

REPORTS

Received Reports.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. February Assessor Report
2. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes – January, 2017
3. Delta County Township Association and Meeting Minutes
4. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – January, 2017
5. Superior Trade Zone Agenda Packet
6. Open House Valley Med Flight March 17th 3-7 PM

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

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

Fire Chief Updates

- a. Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.
- b. There were 2 fire calls in January.

- c. Amanda noted that the fire calls should go by fiscal year, Rachael noted she was putting them together.
- d. Brian will give a fiscal year snapshot of Fire Calls.

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

- e. Delta County Fire Funds, Brian turned in application.
- f. Train the Trainer April 18th \$199 pp training for 2 people.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to send 2 people to training.

- g. Hannaville 2% grant for the gear needs to roll over to next year's budget.
- h. Brian wants to have the humidity problem addressed for the fire Garage. Rachael want to see if the venting will work first.
- i. Brian is working on a master list of gear for the next meeting.

MFR

- a. Todd Holland gave MFR report.
- b. 10 first responder calls
- c. Grant funded training - they will pay for themselves and the the payment will be voided so the training will be free.

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. January, 2017 water system report was received. Mark Rose was present.
- b. Mark turned off Lark due to leak and Bathke for a real-estate test.
- c. Cummings came to do regular maintenance and everything checked out ok. Next time they come, we will get a new battery.
- d. Rosemurgy - pipes froze inside and burst and water was pouring out so it was shut off. We received a letter, they are requesting forgiveness of the whole amount due on bill due to the catastrophic condition.

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to not forgive Rosemurgy's water bill.

- e. Ward Gasman- High usage, meter was deadstill.
- f. Panfil - Leaking but working with owner.
- g. Pendergraft - Hose connection was leaking, tightened it.

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

- h. Billing register.
- i. Shut offs for delinquent customers will be done.
- j. Bacti Tests - Need to order more sample units.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to buy a year's worth of Bacti tests from City of Escanaba.

- k. DEQ drinking water schedule, lead sampling requirements needs to be done in the middle of summer.

1. Mark brought a Podium to use for public comment at the Twp. & Planning Commission meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Tractor/Backhoe – Updating estimate because the pump may not be working. We purchased it in 1981 for \$8,500.00.
- b. Ordinance Violation Complaint Form – Rachael will work with it for a month to see if it works good on line.
- c. Jill Martin provided the Board a report on Broadband for Ford River Township through Charter Communications. Charter has studied K Rd. currently there are 65 houses, 3 businesses and 1 cell tower that could benefit from high speed internet. The study has been submitted to the their corporate under their “Legacy Program” for the past two years. It will be submitted again this year. Rachael is willing to talk to the construction manager if they call her. The estimate is \$333,000.
- d. Water billing software quotes – Lisa will have for next meeting.
- e. Cemetery balance – which account to take the money from to cover the shortage.

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to move \$400 from contingency fund to the cemetery fund,

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$14812.19 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$3803.03

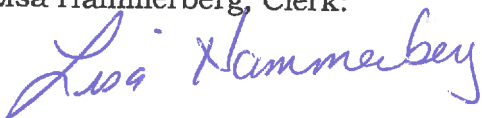
- b. Planning Commission payment – Board members need to fill out a voucher every meeting for payroll.
- c. 2020 Census Luca – They wants the Township to do it. They would mail it to us February, 2018 and we would have 120 days to complete it. They are asking for a letter to list any inconveniences, Rachael will bring to Association.
- d. Fire Number Signs – County is no longer handling the fire signs, Rachael is looking into it.
- e. Budget workshop – Set 6:15 pm on the February 27th.
- f. Budget Hearing – March 13th at 7:00 at Township meeting.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

- a. Theresa Nelson brought a question to the Board. – at what point do you shut someone’s water off if they haven’t been paying their bill? Is there a certain amount we go by? If a renter does not pay the bill would the home owner be responsible? Mrs. Nelson was advised to have the homeowner contact the Clerk and we will email a copy of the ordinance.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Lisa Hammerberg, Clerk:



Approved: 3/13/17