

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2014, 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, and Gary Boudreau.

Members absent: Amanda Wagner

Audience sheet attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

AGENDA

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, R.Fountaine, CARRIED to approve Agenda.

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

December 9, 2013 - Township Board Regular Meeting

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to accept the minutes as read.

REPORTS

Received Reports

- a. December, 2013 Financial Report: P. Anderson reported that the treasurer and clerk were in balance.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Ford River Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes – January 2, 2014.
2. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Regular Meeting Minutes – November 26, 2013.
3. Assessor's Report of January, 2014.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's December 2013 Maintenance Reports

Fire Chief Updates:

1. Equipment is being serviced.
2. Fire runs will be checked to make sure that all fire calls have been billed.

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

3. J. Giese provided an estimate as to the cost of purchasing and installing a on-demand hot water system for the fire house. He estimates that the project would cost less than \$1000.00. A plumber would need to be hired but this is included in his estimate. R. Fountaine mentioned that the water gauge will not be working until the end of January. D. Kralovetz from H2O mentioned that this will not monitor the amount of water used.

A Motion was made by G. Boudreau that the on-demand hot water system be purchased and installed in the fire hall for the cost of \$1000.00. P. Anderson, seconded. CARRIED.

4. J. Giese explained where the system will be placed and how the water will drain. This should not be a problem which would involve the health department as the water will drain as it is doing now. This will be placed where the water system in the hall is now. J. Giese will make arrangements to have this purchased and installed.
5. R. Fountaine reported that the quote was correct for the snow removal equipment for the ice rink. There is a resident that is willing to allow us to use their equipment for this winter at no charge which would allow actual use of the rink to be monitored before actually purchasing the equipment by the Township. R. Fountaine does not support purchasing the snow removal equipment at this time and will check on the availability of a loaner for this year. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
6. R. Fountaine requested that J. Giese provide an estimate of proposed costs for next year as she will soon be working on the budget.

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. D. Kravoletz explained that the gauge will be used to tell how much water is in the tank and the meter will tell how much water is being used. This will be programmed into the hand held meter reader next week. Until then, the reading can be done by hand. The gauge will be installed on 1/20/14.
- b. There were no water shut offs in December. High usage was investigated.
- c. There were 4 Miss Dig e-mails but none that H2O in Motion had to act upon.
- d. The percent of water loss is down to 10%. D. Wellman discussed the amount of metered water vs amount of water produced.
- e. D. Wellman asked that the Board learn and understand the water system.
- f. The Water Leak Summary at E4599 M-35 provided by H2O was reviewed and discussed. R. Fountaine mentioned that Jeff Lampi is sometimes contracted by H2O to help with certain situations. D. Kralovetz was asked to

have Jeff give a report when he handles any situation so that the Board is aware of what is being done.

- g. 3522 K Road was investigated by H2O. A letter had been previously sent to the resident on 11/15/2013 and also in December. H2O checked the situation on 1/9/14 and the problem has still not been resolved. D. Kralovetz talked about the customer wanting to wait until spring to have this fixed as the ground is frozen. It was the Board's decision that this needs to be corrected at this time and not wait until the spring. P. Anderson will send a letter to the customer informing him of this.
- h. River crossing is completely frozen and covered with snow.

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. P. Anderson explained to high usage reads does not necessarily constitute a leak. Many times, it means that the customer has used more water than the previous month but not over their usual rate.
- j. Water System Ordinance and Resolution Review – The Board decided that the Ordinance is ready to be sent to the attorney for his review. The resolution is not ready for review by the attorney at this time and will be further discussed.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to send the Water System Ordinance to the attorney for his review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- a. Zoning Ordinance: The Ordinance has not as yet been received back from the County. R. Fountaine will check with the County regarding this.
- b. Platted Lot Split Ordinance – This has been approved by the attorney and will be published in the Daily Press if approved by the Board and also will be posted on the web site.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED to adopt the Platted Lot Split Ordinance.

- c. Upcoming Events
 - 1. Tax Collection Hours – 2/11/2014 – 9:00a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 2/28/2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - 2. Board of Review dates will be set next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded P. Anderson, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds totaling \$26,484.78 and bills from the Water Fund totaling \$7,610.49.

- a. Board of Review Training – The cost for the training will be \$537.00 which includes two new books. Three people will be attending. There is \$325.00 left in the budget and therefore, \$212.00 will need to be moved from the Contingency Fund.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fontaine, CARRIED, to move \$212.00 from the Contingency Fund to the Board of Review Fund.

- b. Planning Commission Open Term – J. Ciminskie's term is open. R. Fontaine recommended that Jim be kept on the Board as he has been on the Board and is the currently secretary.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to approve J. Ciminskie to remain on the Planning Commission.

- c. Budget – R. Fontaine will begin working on the budget for next year.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

- a. Peter Strom thanked the Board for adopting the Platted Lot Split Ordinance.
- b. G. England thanked D. Wellman for all the time and effort he has put into the water systems over the last many years.
- c. M. Harrington thanked D. Wellman for all that he does for the Township.
- d. R. Fettig suggested that the Board start budgeting for replacing water lines.

Moved G. Boudreau, R. Fontaine, seconded , CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.



Patricia Anderson, Clerk



Approved: