

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 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: None

Audience sheet attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

January 13, 2014 - Township Board Regular Meeting

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

REPORTS

Received Reports

- a. January, 2014 Financial Report: A. Wagner reported that the treasurer and clerk were in balance.
- b. Money will be moved from the contingency fund due to pension pay outs. A. Wagner recommended that \$5,000.00 be moved to cover expenses until the budget is completed.
- c. A. Wagner reported that tax reports will be available in March or April.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to move \$5,000.00 from the contingency fund to cover expenses due to pension pay outs.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to move \$300.00 from the contingency fund to be used for Board of Review expenses.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, 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 – December 17, 2013.
3. Assessor's Report of February, 2014.

4. CUPPAD – Delta County Rural Task Force.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

J. Giese was not present at the meeting.

Received the Fireman's January, 2014 Maintenance Reports

Fire Chief Updates:

1. Unit 5 Trailer Pump is being repaired. Some pagers have been sent in for repair.
2. Preparation is going on for installations of hot water heater.
3. The Department is looking into obtaining a ATV Wildland firefighting unit with a water tank and pump skid as a fund raiser project. P. Anderson will look into the cost of insurance for such equipment.
4. The Department is looking into the possibility of getting into Medical First Response. There are currently 2 EMT's and 1 Medical First Responder in the department. Additional volunteers would be trained. P. Anderson will check into Liability insurance. Further information will be needed before this would be considered.
5. The Fire Department Annual Expense Report for the budget was provided.

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

6. Snow Removal Equipment – The fire department will be using a snowblower provided by R. Fountaine at this time. Re-evaluation of the actual purchase and use of the ice rink will be done in the spring.

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. H2O in Motion has been bought out by Mead & Hunt. There should be no changes in the services that will be provided. R. Fountaine will review paper work.
- b. There were no water shut offs in December. High usage was investigated.
- c. There was 1 Miss Dig e-mail but nothing that H2O in Motion had to act upon. R. Fountaine reported that all tickets now have to be answered in the system.
- d. The percent of water loss is at 24.5%. D. Wellman discussed the amount of metered water vs amount of water produced.
- e. The meter in the fire hall is being manually read. Total usage is 85,000. The cost to date is \$650.00 which would be taken from the recreation fund.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay the water bill to date of \$650.00 from the recreation fund.

- f. R. Fountaine will verify information with the DEQ. Necessary information will be updated.

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

- g. Inspection by the water system operator or representative of the water board will be done on all repairs. D. Kralovetz explained that she will be available when needed. If she is unable to be there, D. Wellman will be there.
- h. Water Service Freeze Ups – There has been two. A Water Service Freeze Up Warning notice letter will be sent to all water customers by P. Anderson within the next few days. Additional fees for “let run” water customers need to be approved by the water system operator.
- i. D. Wellman voiced concerns about J. Lampi coming out to help. In the event he gets injured while helping the Township, D. Wellman voiced concerns about liability.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to approve the Water Service Freeze Up Warning Notice.

- j. Water System Ordinance and Resolution Review – The letter has been received from the Attorney. He proposed a few changes. The current water system operator will need to review. Further discussion will be held next month.
- k. Water violation at 3522 K Road. B. Lofquist was present at meeting. He requested a list of things that need to be fixed. D. Kralovetz explained what needs to be replaced. Mr. Lofquist requested that this be taken care of in the spring when the ground is not frozen and will have the water system operator inspect. Mr. Lofquist explained that he replaced the line from the meter to his house. The Township was not notified at the time that this was done. D. Kralovetz explained that since things have not be replaced correctly, the water cannot be shut off by the water system operator. Mr. Lofquist stated he is willing to assume all costs in case the pipes freeze at this residence. Mr. Lofquist assured the Board that he will take care of this, asking that he be allowed to do this in the spring. After further discussion, the Mr. Lofquist will hire a contractor to do required work in the spring and will have it inspected by water operator.

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to allow Mr. Lofquist to complete repairs by 6/1/2014 and have the water system operator inspect all work done. It is also on record that if there is a leak and the water cannot be shut off, Mr. Lofquist will assume all costs. R. Fountaine was the only opposing vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- a. Zoning Ordinance: The Ordinance has been received back from the County. A Public Hearing has been held and approval was also granted by the Planning Commission.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to approve the zoning ordinance changes.

b. Upcoming Events

1. Tax Collection Hours – 2/14/2014 – 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 in March. Dates are posted.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds totaling \$10,657.34 and bills from the Water Fund totaling \$4,781.97

- a. Michigan Dept. of Transportation – Right of Way Construction Permit. This is applied for yearly. The permit has been approved. R. Fountaine will sign and forward.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to approve 2014 Right of Way Construction Permit. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all in approval.

- b. Budget – R. Fountaine will begin working on the budget for next year. The Budget Workshop will be held on 2/20/2014 at 7:00 at the Township Hall. The public is invited to attend.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

- a. D. Brown explained that not everyone knows that permission must be granted in certain water and zoning instances and suggested that the Board take steps to educate the public. R. Fountaine suggested that customers read the Water Ordinance. She thanked Debbie for her concerns.

Moved G. Boudreau, R. Fountaine, seconded , CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.



Patricia Anderson, Clerk

5/10/14

Approved: