

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 13, 2016 FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

Members present: G. Boudreau, R. Fountaine, P. Anderson, A. Wagner, D. Wellman
Members absent: None
Audience sheet attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

AGENDA

12 c., 12 d. and 12 e were added to the agenda.

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

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes – May, 2016

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

REPORTS

Received Reports.

- a. May, 2016 Financial Reports: A. Wagner reported that the treasurer and clerk were in balance with the bank.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Assessor's Report of June, 2016
- 2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – May, 2016
- 3. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes – April, 2016
- 4. UPPCO – Notice of meeting in June, 2016
- 5. DEQ 2017 Wellhead Protection Grant Program

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's Report of June, 2016 – Maintenance Reports/Treasurer's Report

Fire Chief Updates

- a. Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.

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

- b. There is a grant coming up from the DNR with a 50-50 match which Brian is working on. This would be used for fire suits.
- c. Brian suggested that the telephone line in the fire hall be discontinued as it is never used and it is a cost to the fire department every month of approximately \$108.00 per month.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to cancel/discontinue the phone line in the fire hall.

- d. Fire Call Invoices – A copy of the unpaid ones, which have been billed out for at least four consecutive months were presented. A. Wagner will arrange to have these sent to collections.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED to send unpaid fire call invoices to a collection agency.

- e. MFR – Todd Holland was not present. B. Nelson gave the report.
- f. There have been 54 to 55 calls this year so far.

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. June, 2016 water system report was received. Mark Rose was present.

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

- b. Billing Register – Mark is still working on the fire hall which is still not reading.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to accept the billing register.

- c. Water Shut Offs – Amanda will work on these and coordinate them with Jay.
- d. The rate study is still a work in progress.
- e. Previously the Board had voted to forgive the water overages at n E4975 M-35 due to a leak which has been repaired. There is an additional \$1067.00 in overages which occurred just prior to the leak being repaired.

Moved, A. Wagner, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to forgive the additional overages in the amount of \$1,067.00 for the property at E4975 M-35.

- f. There was a request for a new water hook up at E4827 M-35. Mark will check on this to make sure that the system can handle it and bring his recommendations to the next meeting.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to allow a new water hook up at E4827 M-35, contingent on Mark's recommendations.

- g. Relief Operator – There were three potential candidates. After discussion, it was decided to hire Jay DeShambo as the permanent relief water operator.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to hire Jay DeShambo as the permanent Relief Water Operator.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- a. Water Tower Easement – The Township has received the legal opinion of the Township attorney as to who is responsible for taking care of the road. Legally, the township is not responsible but historically has maintained it. R. Fountaine will be getting an estimate. There are four people living down that road. The other parties would also like to get a legal opinion. Further discussion will be held after they have talked to their attorney.
- b. Holiday Station Store Charges – Holiday Station Store has cancelled all signature charges. The fire department has frequently used this. B. Nelson would like the Township to obtain a Fleet gas card for their use as they are unable to get one on their own due to lack of a tax identification number. A. Wagner suggested that the Township obtain a credit card through Wells Fargo with a \$500.00 limit.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to obtain a credit card from Wells Fargo with a credit limit of \$500.00 for the fire department.

- c. Cemetery – A Special Cemetery Workshop will be scheduled for 6/27/2016 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss concerns.
- d. A lawnmower is needed at the South cemetery. R. Nelson provided estimates for various makes and models.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to obtain a Husqvarna lawnmower from Northgate Equipment for \$189.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$ 13,456.76 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$ 2,671.61.

- a. SET Collection – A. Wagner reported that the cost is \$2.50 per parcel.
- b. Wayne Caron – Wayne was asking for the Township Board's help with his situation. R. Fountaine suggested that he start with the Planning Commission as it involves a zoning change.
- c. Dan Kleikamp – Dan suggested that the Township might want to organize a Neighborhood Watch Program. He also talked about areas which are becoming

unattractive to the area. He asked about the Junk Ordinance and what can be done to encourage people to clean up their yards and property. He also asked questions about the cemetery which will be further discussed and handled by R. Nelson and P. Anderson who will get back to Dan.

- d. Verizon- Data usage has increased at the hall due to updating computers. A. Wagner has looked into and currently we pay \$80.00 per month. She would like to move the plan up for \$20.00 more per month which would allow for the increased usage. It would be \$100.00 per month for 18 gigs vs the \$80.00 per month we pay at this time.

Moved, P. Anderson, seconded Gary Boudreau, CARRIED, to purchase 18 gigs per month data usage at the cost of \$100.00 per month.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

- a. There was a presentation by the Disc Golf Club in the area asking about the possibility of using Ford River Township land to set up a disc golf course or of the possibility of anyone in the community donating land for this. Right now, they play at Pioneer Trail Park. This could bring revenue into the community and would be of benefit to the children in the area. Baskets cost \$300.00 to \$400.00 per basket and would be permanently placed on the land. A. Wagner will meet with members of the golf club and will get a plan together and further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Patricia Anderson

Patricia Anderson, Clerk

7/11/16

Approved: