

**Forsyth Township Board
Special Meeting
Gwinn Community Center
July 17, 2017**

Supervisor Boogren called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Boogren, Clerk Borrett, Treasurer Roberts, Trustee Armatti and Trustee Adams

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Kevin Koch, a number of township employees and concerned citizens.

Garbage, Recycling and Illegal Dumping Public Hearing: Supervisor Boogren opened the public hearing at 6:30 pm.

Supervisor Boogren introduced Thyra Karlstrom, Senior Planner of the Marquette County Planning Division. She specified that the illegal dumping happens all over the county, however there is a higher concentration in Forsyth Township. She also stated that 16 of the 22 Municipalities in the county, have garbage collection through their Municipality. Mrs. Karlstrom offered the County's assistance with items such as research studies. Supervisor Boogren commented on the responsibilities of the Township. He does not want to punish the honest for the actions of the dishonest. He also commented on the Clean-up that took place last week with Macasu and many other volunteers. Resident's comments were made in favor of curbside collection and against curbside collection. Suggestions were made for a once a month big-item pickup. The cost that has been involved with this type of collection has made other communities stop providing the service. Trustee Adams informed the Board and Residents that 39,000 lbs. of trash, 265 tires, and 8 garages were cleaned up during the recent volunteer activity. He then read a composition of questions and statements he wanted the residents to keep in mind while discussing this issue. Some residents were concerned about placing waste disposal fees on the tax rolls, which could greatly affect people with limited incomes. Many suggestions were offered and heard. Police Chief Warchock explained the process the Police Department has taken with current offenders. Trustee Adams will meet with current providers to discuss possible solutions to illegal dumping and to hear the effects of the proposed ordinance on the waste disposal vendors.

Supervisor Boogren closed the public hearing at 7:40 pm.

***Supervisor Boogren called for a short break at 7:40 pm.
Supervisor Boogren call the meeting back to order at 7:45 pm***

Agenda: Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to amend the Agenda to delete 9a. Curbside Garbage Pickup and 9b. Illegal Dumping, and move 8a. Recycling Ordinance to 9a. for discussion purposes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

ACTION ITEMS: None

DISCUSSION:

Recycling Ordinance (9a.): Trustee Adams suggested posting the proposed Ordinance prior to acting. Communication between Trustee Adams and the current providers should take place prior to taking action to determine the effect it will have on the large and small business vendors, and what that impact will do to the residents of the Township. Trustee Adams will update the Board at the next meeting.

Public Comment: Chief Warchock commented on possible solutions to the garbage issues. Mike Tousignant commented on the proposed Recycling Ordinance.

Board Comment: Supervisor Boogren thanked the public for their comments. He recommended taking action on different fiscally possible ideas until one produced the best possible solution.

Adjournment: Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Filizetti
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett
Forsyth Township Clerk