

**Forsyth Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
Gwinn Community Center  
November 16, 2017**

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

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Attorney Kevin Koch, Attorney O’Dea, Attorney Burink, Attorney Nordeen, Attorney Greeley, a number of township employees and concerned citizens.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Armatti, supported by Borrett, to approve the Minutes for November 8, 2017 Special Board Meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

**Agenda:** Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to approve the agenda with the additions of: **10j.** A/Z – Hire Appraiser, **11b.** Van, **11c.** Fire Equipment, and **11d.** Cement Toppers. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Chuck Sikes commented on a road repair millage. Greg Yelland commented on his “No Trespass” order. Attorney Greeley, representative for Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes PLC, introduced himself.

**Department Reports:** The following reports were placed on file: Ambulance, Assessing/Zoning, Senior Citizens Director, Fire Department, Library, Police Department, Public Works Department, General Operating Financial Report, and KI Sawyer Community Center.

Trustee Adams thanked the Fire Department for the extra reports.

**Attorney’s Report:** Attorney Koch stated the Palmer zoning violation will be entered into Default next week. The Sorensen tax case has been decided for the 2015-2017 tax years. There are upcoming depositions for a pending case. Supervisor Boogren questioned the Malon violation. Attorney Koch suggested a Restraining Order could be entered, then a Contempt order. Assessor Stachewicz stated it will be hard to identify new debris with the upcoming snow.

**Approval of Bills & Vouchers:** Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to approve the bills and vouchers, totaling \$73,446.70, as presented. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township  
Bills For Approval  
11/16/17**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Airgas	PW/FD Cylinder Rental and Gases	487.34
American Planning Association	A/Z Newsletter	60.00

American Welding & Gas	EMS Cylinder Rental & Gases	177.31
Auto Value	Parts for Various Depts	955.08
BS&A	Tax System	1,044.00
City of Marquette	Bacteriological Analysis	100.00
College Laundry	Carpet and Uniform Service	428.85
Compudyne	Computer Support for Various Depts	367.62
Elcom Systems	PD Service Agreement & Equipment	5,252.75
Gordon Food	KISCC Food	146.61
Gordon Warchock	PD Halloween Candy Reimbursement	94.80
Hiawatha Chef Supply	CH Sink	372.95
Home Comfort Plumbing, Heating & A/C	PD Heater Repairs	957.46
Hotsy Cleaning Systems	PW Hose Reel	490.87
Icon Signs	A/Z Vehicle Lettering	100.00
Jacklin Steel Supply	Clock Tower Aluminum	299.59
JT Motor Sports	PW Tools	34.20
Kevin Koch	Attorney Fees	678.07
Keweenaw Bay Indian Comm.	PD Patrol Vehicle Cage	300.00
Lynn Rodgers	Reimbursement MTA Training Hotel	80.73
Marquette Co Health	KISCC Food License	110.00
Menards	Supplies for Various Depts	521.91
Motion Picture Licensing Corp	CH Movie Licensing	240.00
Miller-Bradford & Risberg	Compressor Repairs	1,048.10
Pride Printing	Envelopes	235.00
Purchase Power	Postage	520.99
Quill	Supplies for Various Depts	467.31
Range	Miss Dig Calls	28.15
Remy Battery	EMS Batteries	10.56
Rebecca Stachewicz	Hotel for Training Reimbursement	106.74
RG Custom Masonry	PW Driveway Repair	400.00
SCI Cleaning	PD Patrol Vehicle Cleaning	110.00
State of Michigan	PD/PW Licensing & Permits	3,011.55
The Mining Journal	Publishing	5,812.30
TransUnion	PD Background Check	25.00
UP Health System	EMS Medical Supplies & Physicals	604.00
Zach Borrett	Reimbursement for Halloween Candy	14.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,693.84</b>

**Forsyth Township  
Additional Bills For Approval  
11/16/17**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ace Hardware	Various Dept Supplies	1,166.76
A Jacobson Landscaping	Lawn Maintenance	3,740.00
Beauchamp Plumbing	PD/KISCC Boiler Repair	664.64
College Laundry	Carpet & Uniform Service	39.25
Compudyne	Computer Support	37.50
Fox Negaunee	PW 2018 Silverado HD	34,361.26
Gordon Food Service	KISCC Food	112.52
Jane Nordeen	KISCC Craft Reimbursement	208.36
Jesse Cadwell	PD Rental Car Reimbursement	227.32
Johnson Telecommunications	Phone Jack Repair	80.95
Joe & Sons Service	PW Tire Service	343.50
Michigan State Firemen's Assoc	FD Membership Dues	75.00
Office Max	SC File Cabinet	179.99
Pomps	PD Tires	1,038.36
Quill	Various Dept Supplies	202.45
Shell	Various Dept Fuel	159.06
Snyder Drug	Various Dept Supplies	59.88
The Office Planning Group	A/Z Copier	139.92
UP Off Road	PW Rhino Liner	486.70
UP Tractor Inc	Kubota Blade	650.00
Wex	Various Dept Fuel	3,779.44
		<b>47,752.86</b>
<b>Original Bill Listing</b>		<b>25,693.84</b>
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>		<b>73,446.70</b>

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 75465-75676

Voucher Numbers for Tax 1750

Voucher Numbers for Sewer 1024-1025

Voucher Numbers for Water 1035

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Legal Services (10a.):** Supervisor Boogren asked Treasurer Roberts if she had a chance to review the proposals for Legal Services. Treasurer Roberts stated she had reviewed them and had a question for

the telephone portion of the Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes PLC proposal. Attorney Greely outlined the proposed charges.

Motion by Boogren, supported by Armatti, to approve the bid for Legal Services from O’Dea, Nordeen, Burink and Pickens PC. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Boogren summarized the cost differences. He also commented on the experience and respect of Attorney O’Dea. He was concerned with the possibility of split representation. Clerk Borrett commented on representation at the Board Meetings. She also commented on the experience of Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes PLC. She was concerned for cost of research in a less experienced firm and the cost for conflict of interest cases. Trustee Armatti commented on the experience and capability of O’Dea, Nordeen, Burink and Pickens PC. He then reminded the Board of the local affiliations. Treasurer Roberts questioned the one year commitment. Roll call: Trustee Armatti – yes, Trustee Adams – no, Treasurer Roberts – no, Clerk Borrett – no, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion failed 3-2.

Motion by Borrett, supported by Adams, to approve the bid for Legal Services from Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes PLC. Roll call: Trustee Armatti – no, Trustee Adams – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – no. Motion carried 3-2.

**Health Care Resolution (10b.):** Motion by Roberts, supported by Boogren, to approve the Health Care Exemption Resolution, as presented. Trustee Armatti – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

**EMS - Stretcher (10c.):** Motion by Roberts, supported by Borrett, to approve purchasing a new stretcher with mounting bracket for unit 102, totaling \$6,787.00. Clarification was made that the money will come from the equipment fund. Motion carried.

**EMS - CAD (10d.):** Motion by Roberts, supported by Borrett, to approve purchasing Mobile CAD and Automotive Vehicle Location for EMS totaling \$1,610.00 for initial set up, plus annual maintenance fees of \$350.00 per year. All but the annual maintenance fees will come from the equipment fund. Motion carried.

**FD - Gloves (10e.):** Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to approve the Fire Department purchasing 7 pairs of gloves totaling \$665.00. Motion carried.

**FD - Batteries (10f.):** Motion by Adams, supported by Borrett, to approve the Fire Department purchasing Radio Batteries for \$600.00. Motion carried.

**CVTRS Report (10g.):** Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to approve the CVTRS Report after a change on page 10, adding Deputy Supervisor to Stacy Filizetti’s title. Motion carried.

**2018 Meeting Dates (10h.):** Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to approve the Schedule of Regular Meeting dates, as presented. Motion carried.

**Water/Sewer Rate Committee (10i.):** Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to approve creating a Water and Sewer Rate Committee which will consist of a Trustee of the Board, Bookkeeper Lynn Rodgers, Billing Specialist Paula Sirois, and Superintendent of Public Works Eric Jancsi. Discussion

ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to appoint Trustee Adams as the Board Representative. Motion carried.

**A/Z - Appraiser (10j.):** Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to approve hiring Appraisal Associates for \$525.00. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Transfer Station Heater (11a.):** Superintendent Jancsi suggested reconsidering a previous motion to award a bid to put in a heater at the transfer station.

**Motion by Adams, supported by Boogren to rescind the previous motion approving the bid for the Transfer Station heater.**

**Van (11b.):** Trustee Adams questioned Superintendent Jancsi about the status of the Public Works Van. Superintendent Jancsi stated the transmission was inoperable.

**Motion by Adams, supported by Boogren, to approve up to \$2,000 to repair the van. Motion carried.**

**Fire Equipment (11c.):** Trustee Adams asked about the status of the Fire Trucks. Superintendent Jancsi had not received a clear answer from the Supervisor from Rock. He will try to clarify the intention for next month's meeting.

**Cement Toppers (11d.):** Trustee Adams requested an update for the cement caps for the stone wall at Nordeen Park. Superintendent Jancsi stated that the caps have been ordered and were promised for Spring. Superintendent Jancsi will check the status and put it on next month's Public Works Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**Public Comment:** Assessor Stachewicz commented on the new Assessing and Zoning vehicle and thanked Attorney Koch for his years of service. Attorney Koch thanked the Board and the residents for his years of service. Chuck Sikes commented on the Attorney proposals. Greg Yelland thanked Attorney Koch for his service.

**Board Comment:** Trustee Adams commented on Thanksgiving. Treasurer Roberts thanked Attorney Koch for his years of service. Supervisor Boogren thanked Attorney Koch and stated he would be meeting with Attorney Greeley.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Filizetti  
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett  
Forsyth Township Clerk