

**Forsyth Township Board
Regular Meeting
Gwinn Community Center
December 27, 2018**

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 Ted Greeley, a number of township employees and concerned citizens.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Roberts, supported by Armatti, to approve the Minutes from the November 29, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and December 6, 2018 Special Board Meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to approve the agenda with the addition of 10j. EMS – Purchase Batteries and Charger and deletion of 11f. Museum. Motion carried.

Public Comment: John LaCourt presented the Board with a hand-out, which he outlined, regarding the Boating Ordinance. Dan Seder commented on the Boating Ordinance.

Department Reports: The following reports were placed on file: EMS, Assessing/Zoning, Senior Citizens Director, Library, Public Works, General Operating Financial and Water Committee. Trustee Adams asked Superintendent of Public Works Jancsi for an update on the clock repairs. Superintendent Jancsi stated he has been in contact with Essence of Time but is still waiting for a definitive date for the repairs.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Greely stated that although Mr. Bryzek continues to present paperwork, the Federal Case has been dismissed. Investigations are continuing at the Horseshoe Lake Mobile Home Park. The Fire Charge Ordinance review is progressing with changes to be presented at next month's meeting.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Roberts, supported by Armatti, to approve the bills and vouchers, totaling \$56,395.04, as presented. Motion carried.

Forsyth Township Bills For Approval 12/27/18		
Vendor	Description	Amount
Airgas	PW/FD Cylinder Rental and Gases	471.45
Auto Value	Parts for Various Depts	529.26
Beauchamp Plumbing & Heating	CH Heating Repair	325.58
Canon Financial Service	Copier	135.07

Carilyn Froberg	EMS Reimbursement for Medical Supplies	22.64
Casselman & Henderson PC	Attorney Fees	981.00
CDW-G	EMS Antenna	1,099.56
City of Marquette	Water Bacteriological Analysis	100.00
Colleen Vultaggio	CH Craft Supplies	30.48
College Laundry	Various Dept Carpet/Uniform Svc	426.40
Compudyne	Computer Support for Various Depts	870.86
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Medical Supplies	1,295.45
Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC	Attorney Fees	3,722.00
Frobergs Clothing	PW Boots	164.17
Galls	PD Uniforms & Equipment	301.66
GreatAmerica Financial	Server Lease	562.43
Harris	W/S Billing	5,946.61
Holiday Cleaners	PD Dry Cleaning	6.33
Icon Signs	PW Lettering	125.00
Lynn Rodgers	A/Z Reimbursement for Gavel	13.99
Marquette County	Taxes & A/Z Platt Book/Election	14,139.91
Menards	Supplies for Various Depts	2,177.55
Midway Rentals	PW Supplies	657.32
Miss Dig	PW Service	1,023.25
Modeltown Express	Various Dept Fuel	2,921.46
MSU Extension Office	Platt Books	700.00
MWEA	Water Dues	75.00
MyTana	Sewer Parts	74.57
North Country Disposal	Transfer Station Containers/Tipping	1,358.64
O'Donnell Batteries	PD Battery	140.15
Pitney Bowes	Postage Machine Lease	421.29
Pomasl	FD Supplies	556.61
Quill	Supplies for Various Depts	610.51
R&R Fire Truck Repair	FD Testing/Repairs	3,767.09
Randy Heidtman	SC Plowing	100.00
Range Telecommunications	Miss Dig	41.79
Shell Fleet	Various Dept Fuel	47.24
State of Michigan	EMS PD SW Services	873.70
The Mining Journal	Publishing	458.85
The Office Planning Group	Copier	61.43
TransUnion	PD Background Checks	50.00
UP Office	SC Copier	274.00
US Postal Service	SC Stamps	50.00
Wolfe Communications	EMS Pagers	1,681.44

TOTAL

49,391.74

Forsyth Township
Additional Bills For Approval
12/27/18

Vendor	Description	Amount
Ace Hardware	Various Dept Supplies	1,349.53
College Laundry	Various Dept Carpet & Uniform Service	43.25
Drug Screen Plus	Drug Screening	159.00
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Medical Supplies	47.37
Foremost Medical Equip	EMS AED Batteries and Charger	4,444.00
NMU	PD Training	180.00
PTS	Pay Phone	50.00
Purchase Power	Postage	520.99
Quill	Various Dept Office Supplies	101.77
Roger Hiironen	SC Plowing	30.00
US Postal Service	SC Newsletter Postage	77.39
		7,003.30
Original Bill Listing		49,391.74
Total Accounts Payable		56,395.04

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 78163-78396
Voucher Numbers for Tax 1834-1851

ACTION ITEMS:

Rezoning of Township Property (10a.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to approve rezoning parcel 52-05-128-001-00 and a portion of parcel 52-05-128-002-00 from Public Area (PA) to Recreational/Resource Production (RRP) as presented, for the purposes of allowing various recreational opportunities consistent with the Township’s Recreation Plan and Master Plan. Treasurer Roberts stated that Marquette County is in support of the amendment. Motion carried.

Reappoint Planning Commission Members (10b.): Motion by Adams, supported by Armatti, to approve reappointing Dan Tregembo and Neil Jo Armatti to the Planning Commission for 3 years. Motion carried.

Reappoint Zoning Board of Appeals Members (10c.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve reappointing Jim Nowak, Maurene (Chic) Hakes and Bonnie Filizetti-Hartzell to the Zoning Board of Appeals for 3 years. Motion carried.

FOIA Refund Request (10d.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to deny refunding the Freedom of Information Request costs, as they are legitimate costs allowable in the Freedom of Information Act. Motion carried.

SC – Purchase Laptop and Data Traveler (10e.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Armatti, to approve the Senior Center purchasing a new laptop and data traveler, not to exceed \$700.00. Supervisor Boogren commented on ease of viruses being transferred from such devices. Motion amended by Roberts, support amended by Armatti, to approve purchasing a laptop not to exceed \$700.00. Motion carried.

Water Committee – Senn/Larson Letter (10f.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to approve crediting the Senn/Larson Water and Sewer Bill to a three month average, as recommended by the Water Committee. Motion carried.

Water Committee – Jackson Letter (10g.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to deny the requests of the Jackson letter, as recommended by the Water Committee. He will respond to Mr. Jackson again. Motion carried.

Water Committee – Hytinen Letter (10h.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to deny the request of the Hytinen letter, as recommended by the Water Committee. This letter addressed the turn off fees, which have been addressed in the Ordinance. Motion carried.

MTA Conference (10i.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Boogren, to approve sending 5 Board Members and 3 Staff Members to the MTA Conference. Motion carried.

EMS – Purchase Batteries and Charger (10j.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Armatti, to approve EMS purchasing 6 AED batteries and a charger totaling \$4,444.00. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Ball Field Facility (11a.): Supervisor Boogren stated we were initially denied the DNR grant for \$400,000, however the ball field restrooms are in need of repairs. Superintendent Jancsi will get costs to do the repairs. Trustee Adams suggested increasing our portion of the contribution, to perhaps help with approving the grant at a later date. UPEA Representative Carr Baldwin will research the possibility of applying for the grant again with the changes of increasing our portion of the grant and the newly appointed Recreation Committee.

Draft of Forestry Stewardship Plan (11b.): Treasurer Roberts stated the plan was well written. Supervisor Boogren outlined the plan and properties involved. Caretaker Forester Jim Ferris highlighted the recommendations and processes in the plan, with immediate attention recommended for the open spaces near Little Lake Road and Sporley Lake Road.

GEI potential Grant Opportunity (11c.): GEI Consultant Isaac Roberts introduced himself. He presented the Board with two proposals for DNR Grant opportunities. One proposal outlined a recreation trail starting at Peter Nordeen Park, to Johnson Lake Road, then Blue Lake Road, ending at Ace Hardware on M-35. The second option was the possibility of expanding the water and sewer lines to a loop in New Swanzy out to M-553. He then went over the funding possibilities. The Board compared the two possibilities and their effects on the community.

Boating Ordinance (11d.): Supervisor Boogren informed the Board and Residents of a recent phone conversation he had with the Lieutenant from the Lansing DNR Office. He explained the lengthy process that would occur while trying to repeal the current Ordinance. He went on to explain that after going through the entire process, it would ultimately remain the same.

Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to reverse the decision to repeal the Boating Ordinance. Motion carried.

Police Department Personnel (11e.): Supervisor Boogren commented on the retention and difficulty of hiring Police Officers. Chief Warchock proposed drafting a contract for hiring an Officer as a ride along, paying to send that Officer to the Academy with the assurance of staying with our department for a determined amount of time. He explained that Police Departments frequently did this in the past. Supervisor Boogren, Treasurer Roberts and Chief FitzGerald will discuss this topic at a later date.

Museum (11f.): Deleted.

OLD BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Public Comment: John LaCourt thanked the Board for reversing the decision to repeal the Boating Ordinance. Adam Cournaya commented on Medical Marijuana dispensaries and the effect of compaction in Forestry. Pat Anderegg commented on fire numbers. Donna LaCourt commented on Downtown Development and contacts for the Forestry Plan.

Board Comment: Clerk Borrett commented on the Recreation Committee. She would like direction to what the Board expects from the committee. Trustee Adams commented on the Clubhouse lighting. Supervisor Boogren thanked the residents for their attendance and comments.

Adjournment: Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Filizetti
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett
Forsyth Township Clerk