

**Forsyth Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
Virtual Zoom Meeting 201362193  
July 23, 2020**

Supervisor Boogren called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Attorney Steven Koski Administrator of the virtual/teleconferencing meeting, Attorney Marin, a number of township employees and concerned citizens.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Borrett, supported by Armatti, to approve the Minutes from the June 25, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes. Motion carried.

**Agenda:** Motion by Roberts, supported by Borrett, to approve the agenda as presented, adding 10g. Tourist Park Host Pay. Roll call: Treasurer Roberts – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes, Trustee Adams - yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Administrator Attorney Koski explained how the public should request to be heard. Brenda and Shawn Kurian commented on rezoning. Holly and Tim Sicotte comment on rezoning. Phil Luoma commented on rezoning.

**Department Reports:** The following reports were placed on file: Assessing, Zoning, Senior Citizens Director, Fire and Library.

**Attorney's Report:** Attorney Marin stated the Manninen affidavit has been prepared and is ready to proceed. The campground issue is nearing the next step. The Elm Street issue is being drafted and is ready to proceed. She has responded to the attorney handling the water issue, but has not heard anything being filed. The Traffic Ordinance is being looked into by the Trustee and the Chief of Police. Supervisor Boogren reminded the Board on the water issue as a resident with a high bill. He then questioned the length of the campground issue being completed. Attorney Marin explained the timeline.

**Approval of Bills & Vouchers:** Motion by Roberts, supported by Armatti, to approve the bills and vouchers totaling \$166,040.67, as presented. Roll call: Treasurer Roberts – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township  
Bills For Approval  
7/23/20**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Airgas	PW/FD Cylinder Rental and Gases	695.90
A Jacobson Landscaping	Spring Fertilizing & Maintenance	5,850.00
American Welding	EMS Oxygen	87.71
Auto Value	Various Dept Parts	452.55
Axon Enterprise	PD Body Cameras	2,924.00
Bergdahl's	PW Pole Pruner	219.95
Bichler Concrete & Gravel	Baseball Diamond Sand	143.51
Bound Tree	EMS Medical Supplies	425.80
City of Marquette	Water Analysis	75.00
College Laundry	Various Dept Carpet/Uniform Svc	170.84
Compudyne	Computer Support & Hardware	1,148.42
Crossroads Minimart	Fuel	48.43
Dalco	PW Supplies	111.44
Drug Screen Plus	Drug Screening	75.00
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Medical Supplies	923.85
Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC	Attorney Fees	2,915.00
Frobergs Clothing	PW Boots	149.99
Galls	PD Uniforms	53.68
Iron Bay Computer	Domain Renewal	209.95
JF Ahern	Fire Equipment Inspections	1,775.70
Jamie VandeZande	EMS Uniform Reimbursement	42.39
Jerry's Small Engine Repair	PW Repairs	861.69
Marin Law	Attorney Fees	750.00
Menards	Supplies for Various Depts	330.89
Michigan Rural Water Assoc	PW Training	820.00
MJ VanDamme	Ballfield Maintenance	500.00
North Country Disposal	Dump Container	250.00
Pomasl Fire Equipment	FD Uniforms & Supplies	543.97
Pride Printing	Campground Receipts	278.56
Quill	Various Dept Office Supplies	410.88
Range Telecommunications	Miss Dig	78.21
Remy Battery	Parks Batteries	12.48
Sirchie	PD Supplies	132.47
Snyder Drugs	Various Dept Supplies	780.15
The Mining Journal	Publishing	2,367.15
The Office Planning Group	Copier	255.43

UPEA	Engineering Services	100.00
White Water Assoc.	Water Analysis	372.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,342.99</b>

**Forsyth Township  
Additional Bills For Approval  
7/23/20**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ace Hardware	Misc. Supplies	1,663.73
Bergdahl's	Blade Kit-Park	124.50
Best Buy	Computer-Senior Center	1,430.94
Dalco	Building Supplies-Clubhouse	214.87
Danko	Fire Truck	118,893.00
Financial Systems Corp	Annual Alarm Monitoring-Assessing/Zoning	186.00
Fox Negaunee	Parts for DPW Truck #5	486.39
Menards	Bleach-Water	55.80
Pomasl	Foam Aspirating Sleeves-Fire	810.73
Premeau Construction	Partial Payment for Clubhouse Exterior Repairs	14,809.50
UP Health Systems	EMS Supplies	22.22
		<b>138,697.68</b>
	<b>Original Bill Listing</b>	<b>27,342.99</b>
	<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>166,040.67</b>

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 81820-81976

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**FD - Siren (10a.):** Motion by Adams, supported by Borrett, to not approve replacing a siren for the EMS Building because it is not in the budget and the budget is not firm for this year. Discussion ensued. The quotes are not current. The unknown budget money is of great concern. Roll call: Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

**PD – Vacant Officer Position (10b.):** Motion by Adams, supported by Boogren, to table this item to October because of the unknown budget money. Supervisor Boogren explained he had originally wanted this item on the agenda. He stated he is also concerned about the uncertainty of budgeted money. Treasurer Roberts expressed her great concern of staffing, should an officer not be able to work any longer. Roll call: Trustee Armatti – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Roberts – no, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried 4-1.

**MERS Payment (10c.):** Motion by Adams, supported by Boogren, to allocate the \$250,000 MERS payment as soon as possible. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes. Motion carried.

**Fee Schedule Update (10d.):** Motion by Borrett, supported by Roberts, to approve the Forsyth Township Fee Schedule, as presented. Roll call: Treasurer Roberts – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes. Motion carried.

**Rezoning of 3 Parcels (10e.):** Motion by Borrett, supported by Armatti, to approve the 3 parcels presented (52-05-127-001-50, 52-05-127-001-00 and 52-05-127001-00 from R-2 to RRP). Discussion ensued. Trustee Armatti lives near three horse properties and has never had a problem any of them. Supervisor Boogren and Trustee Adams explained there were more permitted uses in RRP zoned properties than just horses. Supervisor Boogren – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes, Trustee Adams - no, Treasurer Roberts – no. Motion carried 3-2

**Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance (10f.):** Motion by Roberts, supported by Boogren, to note that the amendment to the Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance has been reviewed, and no changes are recommended at this time. Treasurer Roberts met with the Chief of Police Kjellin and this Ordinance is tied with the Michigan Motor Vehicle Law. Changing this would not be fiscally sound for Forsyth Township at this time. Attorney Marin concurred with the recommendation. Chief Kjellin also recommended no change. Roll call: Treasurer Roberts – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes. Motion carried.

**Tourist Park Host Pay (10g.):** Supervisor Boogren explained the history of the Tourist Park’s host pay, and the reasoning for the historical pay. He explained the demand of this year’s host is much higher due to the current COVID conditions. Motion by Boogren, supported by Armatti, to transition the Tourist Park Host to the same pay schedule as the temporary workers for Public Works, which would be not to exceed 40 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour. Discussion ensued. Clerk Borrett clarified the pay would only be for when the park is open. Supervisor Boogren clarified it would be effective August 1<sup>st</sup>. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Fireworks Ordinance (11a.):** Supervisor Boogren explained the Ordinance was amended then 3 months after the State changed their guidelines. Clerk Borrett questioned the process for the change. Treasurer Roberts suggested that Attorney Marin make changes to our Ordinance to comply with the state guidelines. Attorney Marin will prepare something for action on next month’s agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comment:** Supervisor Boogren commented on the current blight issues. He asked the Board to think about possibilities such as: rectifying the issue through receipt requirements or applying township incurred costs to the property owner's taxes. Trustee Armatti commented on the Mallon property. Bookkeeper Rodgers will contact the county to see the current status, although it has been foreclosed. Trustee Adams clarified his decisions on items in reference to budget concerns. Supervisor Boogren has been in contact with neighboring Boards on the current budget concerns. He is thankful for the boards that have made the township in a good place currently. Clerk Borrett thanked the board for working together for the betterment of Forsyth Township.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Filizetti  
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett  
Forsyth Township Clerk