

**Forsyth Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
Virtual Zoom Meeting 89182421116  
September 24, 2020**

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

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

**Board Members Absent:** Trustee Armatti

**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 Adams, supported by Borrett, to approve the Minutes from the August 27, 2020 Board Meeting, as presented. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Armatti – absent, Trustee Adams – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes. Motion carried.

**Agenda:** Motion by Boogren, supported by Roberts, to approve the agenda as presented, with the following additions, 10e. UPPCO Easement, 10f. Hazard Pay Grant and 11b. Cemetery Gates. Roll call: Treasurer Roberts – yes, Trustee Adams - yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Armatti – absent. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Department Reports:** The following reports were placed on file: EMS, Zoning, Senior Citizens Director, Library and General Operating Financial.

**Attorney's Report:** Attorney Marin stated the blight hearing is complete. The order stated Mr. Manninen was in violation and will remove blight. If that doesn't happen, there will be additional sanctions requested. The Horseshoe Campground parties did not appear. They will proceed with a default judgement. Trustee Adams commented on the multiple issues brought to the courts, with no action from the courts. Supervisor Boogren commented blight cleanups could be put on property taxes. Attorney Marin gave a brief summary of possible court actions.

**Approval of Bills & Vouchers:** Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to approve the bills and vouchers totaling \$24,495.57, as presented. Roll call: Treasurer Roberts – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Armatti – absent. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township  
Bills For Approval  
9/24/20**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Airgas	PW/FD Cylinder Rental and Gases	1,537.68
American Nameplate	Plaques	16.00

Astro UP	PD Building Supplies	12.00
Auto Value	Various Dept Parts	499.33
Bergdahl's	PW Parts	8.54
College Laundry	Various Dept Carpet/Uniform Svc	327.19
Compudyne	Computer Support & Hardware	1,330.53
Crossroads Minimart	PW Fuel	69.56
Dalco	PW Supplies	540.38
Display Sales	Flags and Poles	1,267.00
Election Source	Election Supplies	1,200.00
Embroidery Wear House	EMS Uniforms	342.00
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Medical Supplies	1,446.78
ETNA	Water Tools	307.98
Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC	Attorney Fees	1,606.50
Fraco	PW/PD Concrete	56.23
FSC Corp	A/Z Security Monitoring	186.00
Galls	EMS Uniforms	2,116.74
Harris	Flexibill Cass Update	60.00
Marin Law Firm	Attorney Fees	931.10
Matthew Perala	Reimburse Shipping	75.49
Menards	Supplies for Various Depts	66.96
North Country Disposal	Dump Container	250.00
Pride Printing	Transfer Station Slips	324.63
PTS	Payphone	53.00
Quill	Various Dept Office Supplies	662.91
Range Telecommunications	EMS Uniform / Miss Dig	122.54
Signs Unlimited	PD Graphics for Vehicle	385.00
State of Michigan	EMS/PD QA, Tokens, Printing	281.49
Superior Lock & Security	PW Kidder Shaft Monitoring	359.88
The Office Planning Group	Various Dept Copier	465.63
TransUnion	PD Background Checks	100.00
UPEA	Engineering Services	411.50
UP Office Equipment	SC Copier	308.10
USA Bluebook	Water Parts	209.35
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,938.02</b>

**Forsyth Township  
Additional Bills For Approval  
9/24/20**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ace	Various Dept Supplies	198.58
American Welding	EMS Oxygen	49.96
Cannon Financial	Copier Lease	199.58
CLIA Fee Coupon	EMS Certificate Fee	180.00
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Medical Supplies	1,453.23
Menards	Various Dept Supplies	66.96
Modeltown Express	Various Dept Fuel	2,230.12
Quill	Various Dept Supplies	802.24
State of Michigan	PD EMS Radio Activations, License	900.00
UP Lab Testing	PW Drug Screening	97.30
US Postal Service	SC Newsletter Postage	83.77
Vermeer	PW Parts	295.81
		<b>6,557.55</b>
<b>Original Bill Listing</b>		<b>17,938.02</b>
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>		<b>24,495.57</b>

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 81257 - 82336

Voucher Numbers for Tax 1972 - 1980

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Cuppad Membership (10a.):** Motion by Adams, supported by Boogren, to approve CUPPAD membership dues in the sum of \$1,233.00, for a year. Trustee Adams commented on grant assistance they have provided in the past. Roll call: Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Armatti – absent. Motion carried.

**W/S C – 190 W. Mineral (10b.):** Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to accept the recommendations from the Water and Sewer Committee for 190 W. Mineral Street and 238 N. Maple Street, as presented. Roll call: Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Armatti – absent. Motion carried.

**W/S C – 238 N. Maple St. (10c.):** See 10b.

**Cemetery Lot Buyback (10d.):** Motion by Adams, supported by Borrett, to approve buying back the cemetery lot owned by Norm and Marsha Toth. Roll call: Treasurer Roberts – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Armatti – absent. Motion carried.

**UPPCO Easement (10e.):** Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to allow for an easement to Upper Peninsula Power Company, as requested. Supervisor Boogren explained it was for a power station by the Emergency Services Building, towards the Water Tower. They need to expand the power station area for safety. It will be approximately 50 feet. Trustee Adams - yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Armatti – absent. Motion carried.

**Hazard Pay Grant (10f.):** Motion by Borrett, supported by Roberts, to give permission to pay out the first responders listed in the Hazardous Pay Premium Grant, next week. Supervisor Boogren stated we have been approved, the amount has been stated, that we just hadn't received the check, and the grant requires that it be paid out next week. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Trustee Armatti – absent. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Transfer Station Fees (11a.):** Supervisor Boogren stated because of the way Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority is operating, it has caused our Transfer Station costs to increase. Trustee Adams commented on the current usage and the low fees. He would like to see a study for the current costs. Bookkeeper Rodgers explained the Transfer Station cost analysis document she presented to the Board. Superintendent Jancsi clarified the effect of recycling sales and costs. Trustee Adams will present the Board with a suggested increase at next month's meeting.

**Cemetery Gates (11b.):** Supervisor Boogren asked Superintendent Jancsi if the gates impede Public Works when they are mounted. Superintendent Jancsi recommendation is to refurbish the gates during the winter and remount them in the spring, should the Board wish them to be reinstalled. It was the consensus of the Board to restore the gates and reinstall them in the spring.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comment:** Treasurer Roberts would like the hiring of a police officer to be put on the October Agenda. Supervisor Boogren thanked the Board, Attorneys and Employees for keeping things going during these difficult times. He commented on the vandalism that has happened this month, Fire Prevention week and Halloween activities.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Linnee  
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett  
Forsyth Township Clerk