

**Forsyth Township Board
Regular Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting 89739670854
October 22, 2020**

Clerk Borrett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Boogren

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Adams, supported by Armatti, to approve the Minutes from the September 24, 2020 Board Meeting, as presented. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Supervisor Boogren – absent. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Borrett, supported by Roberts, to approve the agenda with the following additions, 10f. Hire Firefighter, 10g. MI Clean Water Act Grant Application. Roll call: Treasurer Roberts – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes, Trustee Adams - yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – absent. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Rich Johnson commented on National Drug Take Back Day and the Police Hire agenda item. Trustee Adams commented on a stolen sheriff truck.

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

Attorney’s Report: Attorney Marin stated there is a hearing scheduled for December 3rd regarding the campground issue.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to approve the bills and vouchers totaling \$81,870.50, as presented. Roll call: Treasurer Roberts – yes, Supervisor Boogren – absent, Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township
Bills For Approval
10/22/20**

Vendor	Description	Amount
Airgas	PW/FD Cylinder Rental and Gases	706.52
American Welding & Gas	EMS Oxygen	108.87
Apex	A/Z Sketching Software Renewal	470.00
Auto Value	Various Dept Parts	2,488.03
City of Marquette	Water Bacteriological Analysis	150.00

Code Electrical	Camera Installation	1,515.34
College Laundry	Various Dept Carpet/Uniform Svc	346.87
Compudyne	Computer Support & Hardware	1,131.42
Crossroads Truck Repair	Garbage Truck Repair	1,611.80
Dalco	CH Supplies	103.48
Drug Screen Plus	PW Drug Testing	75.00
Elcom	Pager/Battery	426.40
Election Source	Voter ID Cards	176.03
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Medical Supplies	932.87
ETNA	Water Tools	302.10
Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC	Attorney Fees	2,771.00
Galls	EMS/PD Uniforms	427.27
Marin Law Firm	Attorney Fees	1,136.50
Marquette County Equalization	Assessing Fees	53,502.00
Menards	Supplies for Various Depts	156.93
Michigan Rural Water Assoc	PW Training	980.00
Norm & Marsha Toth	Cemetery Lot Buyback	250.00
One Beat	EMS Medical Supplies	180.00
Premeau Construction	CH Building Restoration	4,656.00
PTS	Payphone	53.00
Purchase Power	Postage	520.99
Quill	Various Dept Office Supplies	482.05
Range Telecommunications	EMS Uniform / Miss Dig	1,393.97
Recovery Systems	Transfer Station Bailer Wire	452.93
RMS	PW Parts	209.31
The Mining Journal	Publishing	162.18
TransUnion	PD Background Checks	50.00
UPEA	Engineering Services	465.00
USA Bluebook	Water Parts	139.01
US Postal Service	SC Stamps/Box Renewal	174.00
White Water Associates	Water Testing	1,185.00
	TOTAL	79,891.87

**Forsyth Township
Additional Bills For Approval
10/22/20**

Vendor	Description	Amount
Ace	Various Dept Supplies	276.37

Advanced Auto	PD Vehicle Parts	151.42
Cannon Financial	Copier Lease	199.58
Dalco	CH/Park Supplies	42.86
Galls	EMS Uniforms	705.58
Frobergs	PW Boots	109.99
State of Michigan	PD Printing	173.00
Upper Great Lakes - Sawyer	EMS Physical	238.00
US Postal Service	SC Newsletter Postage	81.83

1,978.63

Original Bill Listing 79,891.87

Total Accounts Payable 81,870.50

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 82337-82576

Voucher Numbers for Tax 1981-1983

ACTION ITEMS:

Health Care Resolution (10a.): Motion by Adams, supported by Armatti, to approve the Health Care Resolution Option – Exemption, as presented. Treasurer Roberts clarified the exemption option. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Supervisor Boogren – absent, Trustee Armatti – yes, Trustee Adams – yes. Motion carried.

Police Officer Hiring Process (10b.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to proceed with the hiring process of a Police Officer, to fill the existing vacancy in the department. Trustee Adams commented on the job duties of the Detective being redirected to fill the vacant Patrol Officer position. Roll call: Trustee Armatti – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Supervisor Boogren – absent. Motion carried.

EMS – EMT Education Payback Proposal (10c.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the EMT Education Payback Proposal, as presented. Trustee Adams requested Attorney Marin review the proposal. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – absent, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes. Motion carried.

EMT Education Payback Proposal

We the people of Forsyth Township EMS formally propose the following:

Students looking to take any level of EMT training shall cover 100% of the cost of training up front. No exceptions. Upon successful completion of their respective training, and once they begin running on calls with Forsyth Township EMS, the student shall be reimbursed on a monthly basis over the course of 2 years.

For example, a student who decides to take EMT-Basic goes through the normal application process. Once accepted onto the service they can sign up for class. The student will pay the entire cost of the class and associated materials up front. Upon successful completion of the class and getting their national registry certification, and state license, they will be reimbursed 54.17 (1300/24) so that they are paid back 100% over the course of 2 years. As long as the student is taking calls they will be paid back at the total cost of class divided by 24 months. If the student does not sign up for hours, they are simply not paid back for their education.

The only costs that will be reimbursable will be the cost of the class. Not uniforms, books, testing costs, travel, nor food. This applies to any level of licensure at or below what the service is licensed as (currently MFR, EMT-B, AEMT, not paramedic training).

W/S C – 227 N. Oak St. (10d.): Motion by Adams, supported by Armatti, to approve amending the Water and Sewer bills for 227 N. Oak Street and 226 N. Elm Street, as recommended by the W/S Committee. Roll call: Treasurer Roberts – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Supervisor Boogren – absent, Trustee Armatti – yes. Motion carried.

W/S C – 226 N. Elm St. (10e.): See 10d.

Hire Firefighter (10f.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Borrett, to approve hiring Evan Milner to our Forsyth Township Fire Department. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – absent, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes. Motion carried.

MI Clean Water Act Grant Application (10g.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to approve the MI Clean Water Act Grant Application with UPEA, as presented. UPEA Representative Matt Treado gave a brief explanation of the grant process and answered questions from the Board. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Transfer Station Fees (11a.): Trustee Adams informed the Board of the study that was performed on Transfer Station fees. The tonnage fee with the Marquette County Landfill was just increased. Trustee Armatti stated the packer needs to be replaced. Trustee Armatti, Superintendent Jancsi and Mechanic Patterson will bring pricing back to the Board next month.

Landfill Control Ordinance (11b.): Trustee Adams believes the Ordinance is no longer needed. Attorney Marin will review and will present a repeal if applicable.

Junk Yards Ordinance (11c.): Trustee Adams pointed out section 2, which states junk yards need a license. Attorney Marin will review and bring her recommendations to the Board next month.

EGLE W/S Grant Opportunities (11d.): This was addressed under 10g.

OLD BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Public Comment: Rich Johnson thanked the Board for proceeding with a Police Officer. Police Chief Kjellin thanked the Board for proceeding with an Officer.

Board Comment: Clerk Borrett thanked the First Responders and Election Staff for the exceptional work during such a hard time. Trustee Adams questions the clock operation, thanked Public Works for the work at the cemetery, thanked the Clerk and staff for the election processes and would like bids for brick longevity treatment. Treasurer Roberts commented about the outstanding office staff, all employees and Emergency Manager, Myron Hillock.

Adjournment: Clerk Borrett adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Linnee
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett
Forsyth Township Clerk