

**Forsyth Township Board
Regular Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting 83066257005
November 19, 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, deceased.

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 October 22, 2020 Board Meeting, as presented. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – abstained as not present, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Trustee Adams – yes. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Roberts, supported by Boogren, to approve the agenda with the following additions, 10g. Hire Police Officer on Contingency and 10h. Tax Relief Request from the Sault Ste. Marie Indian Tribe. Roll call: Treasurer Roberts – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Adams - yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Attorney Koski informed the public on how to comment. No comments were offered.

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

Attorney’s Report: Attorney Marin stated there is a hearing scheduled for December 3rd regarding the campground issue. The EMT Education Pay Back program is good.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Roberts, supported by Boogren, to approve the bills and vouchers totaling \$42,776.07, as presented. Roll call: Treasurer Roberts – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – abstained. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township
Bills For Approval
11/19/20**

| Vendor | Description | Amount |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Airgas | PW/FD Cylinder Rental and Gases | 719.59 |
| Auto Value | Various Dept Parts | 842.10 |
| Bergdahl’s | PW Parts | 63.00 |
| BS&A | Annual Tax Support | 1,113.00 |
| College Laundry | Various Dept Carpet/Uniform Svc | 406.71 |
| Compudyne | Computer Support & Hardware | 1,373.53 |

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| Dalco | CH Supplies | 121.03 |
| Elcom | PD Parts | 5,196.59 |
| Emergency Medical Products | EMS Medical Supplies | 208.45 |
| Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC | Attorney Fees | 206.00 |
| Ferrellgas | Transfer Station Tank Rental | 26.50 |
| Froberg's Clothing | PW Boots | 225.98 |
| Galls | PD Uniforms | 185.27 |
| Glance This Way | PD Office Supplies | 150.00 |
| Marin Law Firm | Attorney Fees | 889.35 |
| Marquette County Equalization | Assessing Fees | 587.34 |
| Michigan Rural Water Assoc | PW Training | 410.00 |
| Michigan State Firemen's Assoc | FD Membership | 75.00 |
| MyTana | PW Parts | 356.17 |
| Northern Awning & Window | Library Window Repair | 940.00 |
| North Country Disposal | Transfer Station Roll Off | 250.00 |
| Quill | Various Dept Office Supplies | 346.61 |
| Range Telecommunications | Camera / Miss Dig | 381.18 |
| Remy Battery | PW Battery | 105.00 |
| RMS | PW Parts | 33.63 |
| Snyder Drug | Supplies for Various Depts | 455.44 |
| State of Michigan | PW WSSN License | 1,300.05 |
| Swick | Office Boiler Warranty Renewal | 318.00 |
| The Mining Journal | Publishing | 658.25 |
| Willey's Tire Shop | Tires | 948.10 |
| | TOTAL | 18,891.87 |

**Forsyth Township
Additional Bills For Approval
11/19/20**

| Vendor | Description | Amount |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Ace | Various Dept Supplies | 275.39 |
| American Welding | EMS Oxygen | 75.51 |
| Michelle Borrett | Reimbursement Pest Control | 4,450.00 |
| City of Marquette | Bacteriological Analysis | 75.00 |
| Canon Financial | Copier Lease | 199.58 |
| Code Electrical | CH Wiring Repair | 237.37 |
| Compudyne | Server Lease/Computer Support | 452.00 |

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| Marquette County Health Dept | Tourist Park Inspection | 196.00 |
| Menards | PW Supplies | 15.98 |
| Miss Dig | Annual Maintenance | 1,541.94 |
| MML | WC Audit | 8,555.00 |
| North Country Disposal | Transfer Station Dump | 250.00 |
| R&R Fire Truck Repair | FD Uniforms | 3,872.00 |
| Snyder's | Keurig & Coffee | (139.42) |
| Spectrum Printers | Sample Ballots | 285.00 |
| State of Michigan | PD Printing, SRMS | 1,643.25 |
| The Office Planning Group | A/Z Copier | 274.94 |
| Transunion | PD Background Checks | 50.00 |
| UP International | Garbage Truck Parts | 1,063.16 |
| UPEA | Engineering Services | 511.50 |
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| | | 23,884.20 |
| Original Bill Listing | | 18,891.87 |
| Total Accounts Payable | | 42,776.07 |

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 82577-82745

Voucher Numbers for Tax 1984-1993

ACTION ITEMS:

W/S C – 42 E. Jackpine (10a.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to approve the recommendation from the Water/Sewer Committee for 42 E. Jackpine, as presented with additional relief as documented, should the individual produce the appropriate documentation. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Trustee Adams – yes. Motion carried.

UPSET Funding (10b.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to approve the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services from UPSET by funding \$10,000, as we have in the past. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes. Motion carried.

Mitigation Plan Update (10c.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to approve the changes proposed by Emergency Management to the Marquette County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Trustee Adams – yes. Motion carried.

EMS – Hire EMT (10d.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Borrett, to approve hiring Leslie Frohriep as an EMT to the Forsyth Township EMS. Supervisor Boogren explained it was an oversight, and suggested it should be retroactive. Roll call: Treasurer Roberts – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

Budget Adjustments (10e.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Borrett, to approve the Budget Adjustments, as presented. Roll call: Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

**FORSYTH TOWNSHIP
BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
19-Nov-20**

| GENERAL FUND | | | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Department | Department # | Original/Amended | New | Difference |
| Revenue | | 2,671,885 | 2,886,340 | 214,455 |
| Expense | | | | |
| Elections | 262 | 13,550 | 18,550 | 5,000 |
| Transfer Station | 528 | 52,215 | 62,215 | 10,000 |
| Zoning Board of Appeals | 722 | 1,110 | 1,610 | 500 |
| Capital Outlay | 900 | 227,100 | 236,925 | 9,825 |
| | | | Total | 25,325 |
| Estimated Beginning Fund Balance | 1,702,377 | 4/1/20 | | |
| Estimated Revenues: | 2,886,340 | | | |
| Estimated Expenses: | (2,771,660) | | | |
| Estimated Ending Fund Balance: | 1,817,057 | 3/31/21 | | |

Foreclosed Properties (10f.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Boogren, to reject the offer to purchase the foreclosed properties offered by the County of Marquette, which include 1918 E. Co. Rd. 456, 1932 E. Co. Rd. 456, and 148 E. Blueberry St. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Trustee Adams – yes. Motion carried.

Hire Police Officer on Contingency (10g.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Roberts, to make a conditional offer to the individual selected in the hiring process. Treasurer Roberts clarified the process and name of the officer, Cole Kempainen. Roll call: Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

Tax Relief Request from the Sault Ste. Marie Indian Tribe (10h.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to engage our legal counsel to respond in the negative to the request of the Sault Tribe for tax relief. Supervisor Boogren asked the Attorney to respond to the request. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Trustee Adams – yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Transfer Station Fees (11a.): Superintendent of Public Works Eric Jancsi stated if the Board wished to increase, he suggests 2 cents per pound. Recycling money fluctuates throughout the year. Supervisor Boogren asked if any prices were received for a new Garbage Truck. Superintendent Jancsi informed the

Board that none have been received. Trustee Adams stated the Landfill fees will be increasing. It was the consensus of the Board to wait for fees from the Landfill before taking action.

Landfill Control Ordinance (11b.): Attorney Marin stated that this Ordinance can be repealed.

Motion by Treasurer Roberts, supported by Adams, to approve Ordinance 1-2020, which repeals Ordinance 4-77 entitled Landfill Control Ordinance. Roll call: Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

Junk Yards Ordinance (11c.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Boogren, to approve Ordinance 2-2020 which repeals Ordinance 2-71 entitled Junk Yard Ordinance. Discussion ensued. Clerk Borrett questioned if the Junk Yard Ordinance was covered in our Zoning Ordinance. Supervisor Boogren referred to Attorney Marin. Attorney Marin explained it was repealed at the County level. Trustee Adams stated we currently have two junk yards, which are expanding. We should research which Ordinance better governs these two junk yards. Motion rescinded by Roberts, support rescinded by Boogren. Motion rescinded.

Roads Committee (11d.): Treasurer Roberts has not received all the information needed to present to the Board. All the costs have not come in yet.

OLD BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Boogren stated he received a letter from the Police Union request to start negotiations.

Public Comment: Superintendent Jancsi thanked the Board for their service, making special mention of Trustee Armatti. Board Secretary thanked the Board for their service. Daryl Johnson thanked the Board for their service, making special mention of Trustee Armatti and commented on the Police Department.

Board Comment: Clerk Borrett thanked Treasurer Roberts, Trustee Adams and Trustee Armatti. Trustee Adams thanked the Board for working so well together. Treasurer Roberts thanked the employees for their hard work and made special mention of Trustee Armatti. Supervisor Boogren thanked Treasurer Roberts and Trustee Adams for their many years of service, making special mention of Trustee Armatti. He thanked the employees.

Adjournment: Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Linnee
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett
Forsyth Township Clerk