

**Forsyth Township Board
Special Meeting
May 5, 2011
Gwinn Community Center (Clubhouse)**

Supervisor Minelli called the Special Meeting of the Forsyth Township board to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Supervisor Minelli called a ten minute recess at 6:01 p.m. to allow for a fifth board member to arrive, reconvening the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Minelli, Clerk Filizetti-Hartzell, Treasurer Nordeen, Trustees Roberts & Armatti. All Present:

Also Present: One township employee, two county commissioners, members of Community Hand-Up and interested citizens.

Public Comment: Comments concerning the "W" were numerous, asking for Forsyth Township's support stating it is much more than a fitness center, but rather a community center for training, education, seniors, etc. One individual voiced his concern that Forsyth Township would end up in the same financial situation as West Branch if they purchased the "W".

Agenda: Motion by Nordeen, supported by Armatti approving the agenda with the following additions: Fertilizer for Ball fields; Purchase Gravel; Closed Session to Discuss Lease/Purchase of "W", Closed Session for Union Negotiations. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Purchase Gravel: Motion by Minelli, supported by Nordeen to hire A. Jacobson Landscaping to fertilize three ball fields with Scotts turf builder weed n' feed at a cost of \$625.00. Motion carried.

Purchase Gravel: Motion by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Minelli to acquire separate bids for 500 tons and 1000 tons of 22A gravel. Motion carried.

Hire for Clerk/Secretary Position: Motion by Roberts, supported by Minelli to hire Christina Denessen for the Clerk/Secretary position. Trustee Nordeen was concerned that she lacked some of the qualifications requested and was also concerned about the non-compete clause with her current employer. Supervisor Minelli explained the compete clause comes into play only in the event that employee would take clients away from the business. Motion carried 4-1.

Closed Session to Discuss Lease/Purchase of "W": Motion by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Nordeen to enter into closed session to discuss the lease/purchase option of the "W". Roll call vote: Roberts – aye; Minelli – aye; Nordeen – aye; Armatti- aye; Filizetti-Hartzell – aye. Motion carried. Motion by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Minelli to return to open session at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried. Supervisor Minelli called for a vote regarding the purchase/lease of the "W". No motions were heard thus causing the lease/purchase of the "W" to fail for lack of support.

Closed Session Motion by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Minelli to go into closed session for union negotiations at 7:26 p.m. Roll call vote: Nordeen – aye; Armatti – aye; Roberts – aye; Minelli – aye; Filizetti-Hartzell – aye. Motion carried. Motion by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Nordeen to return to open session at 8:02 p.m.

Public Comment: A number of individuals stated they were shocked & disappointed that Forsyth Township did not support the Community Hand-Up group by purchasing or leasing the “W”. Supervisor Minelli stated the Township Board would write a letter of support for the efforts of the Community Hand-Up Group. Treasurer Nordeen stated she does support the group’s efforts.

Adjournment: Supervisor Minelli adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Bonnie Filizetti-Hartzell
Forsyth Township Clerk

Closed Session