

**Forsyth Township Board
Regular Meeting
July 19, 2011
Emergency Services Building**

Supervisor Minelli called the Regular Meeting of the Forsyth Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

Also Present: Attorney Kevin Koch, township employees & interested citizens.

Approval of Minutes: None

Public Comment: Comments received included concern about the Weidner's building purchase. Citizen feels that we should look to see if can afford it in means of additional load on the Public Works department having another building to take care of stating that the Transfer Station does have room for a lunchroom and/or office area.

Concern about a broken faucet at the cemetery and people watering have to carry buckets of water. Eric J will look into the problem.

Board was asked if the Township will be sending a Thank You card to the Christian group that did a lot of volunteer work in the Township.

Thanks was given to the Board for helping with the Sawyer Garden. Concern was raised about the Panther Street building being wide open and wood off the doors and Township was asked if they could pressure on the County to get this issue resolved.

Individual is pursuing a grant to rework the ball fields on Scorpion Street and asked if the Township could make a deal with the County to take care of the field maintenance to keep with one organization doing the work and not two. Comments were made that trees need to be taken out. Supervisor Minelli stated that the Township may be able to get a lease from the County for the ball field area.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The following reports were accepted and placed on file:

Ambulance: Report placed on file; see Action Items 13b, 13c

Assessing/Zoning: Report placed on file

Clubhouse: Report placed on file; see Action Item 13d

Fire Department: Report placed on file; see Action Items 13k, 13l, 13n

Library: Report placed on file

Police Department: Report placed on file, see Action item 13m

Public Works Department: Report placed on file

Senior Citizen Director: Report placed on file

Treasurers Report: Report placed on file

Attorneys' Report: Mancee missed the pretrial hearing last week and wrote an objection to the court asking for a hearing.

The appeal is close to being done in the Barriger case. Discussion should resume on this at the end of summer.

Nothing new in the Hintz case.

Supervisor Minelli stated that the Mancee Coliseum has zoning violations we need to pursue as well as requested to get a list of his purchases for the Pawn Shop.

Attorney Koch will send letter to Mancee to deal with the sign violation and cases the Board wants him to pursue. Board agreed that Attorney should pursue all outstanding violations.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Nordeen, supported by Armatti & unanimously carried approving bills in the amount of \$43,436.81 and vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township
Bills to be Approved**

19-Jul-11

Vendor	Description	Amount
Airgas	Rentals & Supplies-Public Works & EMS	68.05
Auto Value	Misc. Parts/Supplies	195.48
Carolyn Froberg	Training Materials-EMS	296.48
CUPPAD	Annual Dues	965.00
Galls	New Officer Set-up & Uniform Allowance-Police	241.26
Kevin Koch, PC	Attorney Fees	1,030.07
Marquette County Equalization	Assessment Notices	10,627.80
Marquette County Treasurer	Summer Deferment Advertising	12.74
Marquette Fence Company	Baseball Park Repairs	13.20
Marquette General Health Systems	EMS Supplies	1,149.62
Menards	Park Supplies	4,294.00
Menominee Granite	Shipping of Bricks	23.62
Modeltown Express	Gas/Diesel	106.83
Neils Trucking	Transfer Station Tonnage	112.04
North Country Disposal	Truck for Transfer Station	850.50
Professional Health Care Systems	Ambulance Bills	27.03
Quill Corporation	Office Supplies-Police, Fire, Senior Center, Office, Assessor, EMS	1,150.26
Range Telecommunications	Miss Dig Service	18.50
The Mining Journal	Publications	189.90
Wells Fargo Credit Card	Airfare for Trng-Office; Police Supplies; Sawyer Park	894.97
Snyders	Supplies-Beautificaion, Cemetery & Water	139.51

22,406.86

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Additions

19-Jul-11

Vendor	Purpose	Amount
Airgas	EMS Supplies	66.14
All Seasons Uniforms	Wildland Gear-Fire	255.78
Ararmark Uniform Services	Uniform & Carpet Service	833.53
City of Marquette	Water Analysis	60.00
Don Hutchens	Gun Repair	57.24
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Supplies	160.23
Galls	New Hire Set-up-Police	53.36
Holiday 50 Minute Cleaners	Dry Cleaning-Police	70.82
Larry's Family Foods	Misc Supplies	1,186.28
Lowe's	Sawyer Park Project	59.04
	Tourist Park Campground	
Marquette County Health Department	Inspection	196.00
Menards	Water Supplies	446.47
Michigan Police Equipment Co	Ammunition-Police	59.00
MMC-Occupational Medicine	New Hire Physical-Police	272.00
North Country Disposal	Plastic Disposal	150.00
Northern Michigan University	Police Training	160.00
Nye Uniform	Body Armor Vests-Police	1,362.50
Pomasl Fire Equipment	Bunker Gear	14,768.00
Quill Corporation	Office Supplies-Police & Office	267.78
TriTech Emergency Medical Systems	Ambulance Billing Training	199.00
USA BlueBook	Sewer Parts	346.78
		21,029.95
	Original Bill Listing	22,406.86
	Total Accounts Payable	43,436.81

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 58044-58309

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Appoint New Zoning Administrator: Discussion included possible addition to current job description as well as the position possibly being a non-union position. Pay level increase needs to be looked at as well as Henry DeGroot's contract. Discussion with DeGroot needs to happen to determine how much revenue can be gained with each of them having more time to do particular duties. Appointing new Zoning Administrator tabled until further information received.

Woodview Estates: Discussion held to get a permit for road closure for Labor Day, September 5, 2011 to closed NW entrance to Banshee Street. Chris will apply for permit and ensure Chuck Truitt and the Police Department receive a copy when issued.

Water Project: Motion made by Armatti, supported by Nordeen. Motion carried to fund water project with 100% of the money loaned at a 2.5% interest rate. Supervisor Minelli gave authority to any Board member to sign the letter of condition if received by the Township if Supervisor Minelli is absent.

Old Business:

None

Action Items:

Approval of Bid Acceptance Notice: Motion made by Nordeen, supported by Roberts. Motion carried to post in the Mining Journal for one week the Bid Acceptance Notice for several items up for bid as listed below:

- 2004 Dodge Intrepid – 100,000+ miles, old police car
- 1999 Ford Crown Victoria – not running, no intake manifold
- 2006 Chevy Impala - 108,000 miles, old police car
- 2002 Ford 450 old Ambulance – 116,000 miles, power stroke
- 1995 Chevy ¾ ton 4 x 4 – 110,000 miles, 7' 6" Boss V-Plow
- 1988 Ford F-350 Stake Body, bad motor

Hire Sara Turay to the EMS Personnel: Motion made by Nordeen, supported by Armatti. Motion carried to hire Sara Turay as a member of the EMS Personnel.

Hire a full-time EMT Specialist and a full-time EMT Basic: Item tabled

Surveillance System for Clubhouse: Motion made by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Armatti to purchase surveillance system for the Clubhouse in the amount of \$2,620.32. Motion carried. Discussion made about looking at wireless capability and the cost difference.

Serenity Drive: Motion made by Nordeen, supported by Armatti. Motion carried to accept the County's proposal for \$156,644.66 to redo Serenity Drive. Amount to come from the General Operating fund.

Weidner Building Purchase: Motion made by Nordeen, supported by Armatti. Motion carried to purchase the Weidner Building for \$6,000 to be used as a water/sewer storage building. We need to check on the zoning to ensure it can be a public building. Roll Call Vote: Minelli – aye, Nordeen – aye, Armatti – aye. Roberts – nay, Filizetti-Hartzell - nay.

Change Fireman's Life Insurance from \$10,000 to \$50,000: Item tabled. We need to check on the current life insurance policies and how much the second policy is worth at this time.

Drug Policy: Motion made by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Armatti. Motion carried to adopt the new Drug Policy effective 7/19/11.

Accept Brian Kjellin and Patrick Jeske as applications to the Fire Dept.: Motion made by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Nordeen. Motion carried to accept Brian Kjellin and Patrick Jeske to the Fire Department.

Approval to purchase 6 flag holders for the Cemetery: Motion made by Nordeen, supported by Armatti . Motion carried to purchase 6 flag holders for the Cemetery at a cost of \$60.00 each for the Fire Department.

Approval to purchase a Taser for the Police Dept.: Motion made by Nordeen, supported by Armatti. Motion carried to purchase a Taser at the cost of \$725.00 for the Police Department. Funds to come from the Police Contingency Fund.

Farmer's Market: Motion made by Minelli, supported by Roberts. Motion carried for Libby Buchler to purchase bags, t-shirts, etc. from the \$750 grant received as well as pay her half of the Market Manager wage of \$1,100.00 now. Lynn will track the monies from this grant.

Bunker Gear: Motion made by Nordeen, supported by Filizetti-Hartzell. Motion carried to purchase 7 sets of Bunker Gear at a price of \$1,604 each from Pomasl.

Communication/Correspondence:

None.

Public Comment: Question asked if the Township is going to try to secure getting the building by the Clubhouse building. Supervisor Minelli stated it is not available at this time.

Board Comment: Filizetti-Hartzell stated that there is a faucet in the Cemetery by the Foress lot that is dripping. Also, she received a call about the fire on 7/14/11 from concerned resident about smoke. Brush was being burnt in the Pocket Park and the residents were not made aware.

Supervisor Minelli stated we should print a certificate and have it framed for Logan Stein for recognition of his building two enclosed dugouts at the ballpark as part of an Eagle Scout project. Minelli also stated that Barry Bahrman has permission to remove the dead jack pines at the Pocket Park on base.

Adjournment: Supervisor Minelli adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Denessen
Recording Secretary