

**Forsyth Township Board
Regular Board Meeting
Emergency Service Building
August 25, 2011**

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 Minelli, Clerk Filizetti-Hartzell, Treasurer Nordeen and Trustees Roberts & Armatti. All present.

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

Minutes: Motion by Roberts, supported by Nordeen & unanimously carried approving the June 23rd, June 29th, July 13th & July 19th township board meeting minutes with the following correction on the July 19th minutes: add Bahrman after the name Barry on the last paragraph under Board Comment.

Public Comment: Gratitude to the township & volunteers helping out at the park located at Sawyer. Complaint about tires, brush pile, oil cans, police cars located on township property are posing a recipe for disaster. When will Serenity Drive be paved since it was approved at a previous board meeting?

Agenda: Motion by Nordeen, supported by Armatti & unanimously carried approving the August 25th agenda with the following additions: under Action Items; add 13d. Purchase Police Car; 13e. Purchase Foam for Fire Department; 13f. Purchase 2001 Dump Truck; 13g. Landscaping Banshee Street Playground; 13h. Health Department Flu Clinic; 13i. Office Hours.

Present Certificate of Recognition: Supervisor Minelli presented a certificate of recognition to Logan Stein for outstanding work constructing two dugouts at the Gwinn baseball diamond. A very big thank you to Logan.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The following reports were accepted as presented and placed on file: Ambulance, Assessing/Zoning, Fire Department, Library, Police Department, Public Works Department, Senior Citizen Director & Treasurer's Report. There was no Clubhouse report due to the fact it is currently closed for the season and Treasurer Nordeen addressed the Sawyer parks under Board Comment.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Koch stated Mr. Barriger is offering the township a deed to the strip of property that was under dispute. Barriger is not asking for anything in return. The question of splitting the property was brought up and Assessor DeGroot stated a governmental unit may be exempt from a split. Motion by Armatti, supported by Nordeen & unanimously carried to accept the strip of land offered to the township by Mr. Barriger. Attorney Koch will contact Attorney Adamini as to the board's decision. Dale Manthey informed Attorney Koch that he is offering \$500.00 to the township for delinquent fire bills and if the township does not accept the offer he would seek a jury trial, and regardless of the outcome the township would not see a penny of any recovery against him. Motion by Minelli, supported by Filizetti-Hartzell to decline Mr. Manthey's offer of \$500.00 and pursue the case for what is currently owed. Motion failed 3 to 2. Motion by Armatti, supported by Nordeen to accept the \$500.00 offered by Mr. Manthey. Motion failed 3 to 2. Since two motions failed and no further motions were made Attorney Koch will automatically pursue the case against Mr. Manthey. Koch explained that

Mike Tousignant has made very little progress in cleaning up his property, there may be additional debris on the sight. Koch will contact Mr. Tousignant. The Bodette matter will be attended by Becca & Henry before Judge Kangas.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Nordeen, supported by Filizetti-Hartzell & unanimously carried approving bills as presented in the amount of \$67,473.85 along with voucher numbers 58310 to 58513 and 1251.

**Forsyth Township
Bills to be Approved**

25-Aug-11

Vendor	Description	Amount
Wells Fargo Credit Card	Office Printer & EMS Supplies	630.28
Roy's Grading	Grading Ballfield	135.00
Lowe's	Sawyer Park Project Supplies	308.38
A. Jacobson Landscaping	Sidewalk Trees	900.00
Ace Hardware	Misc Supplies	1,411.12
Airgas	Rentals & Supplies-EMS & Public Works	137.78
Anderson Communications	Radio Repair-EMS	32.50
Aramark Uniform Services	Uniform & Carpet Service	697.98
Auto Value	Misc Parts & Supplies	363.31
Bergdahl's	Supplies-Fire	70.87
BS&A Software	Annual Software Support-Assessor	1,110.00
City of Marquette	Water Analysis	100.00
Dalco	Building Supplies-Clubhouse	350.95
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Supplies	117.45
Fred's Rubber Stamp	Stamp-Office	27.19
Holiday 50 Minute Cleaners	Dry Cleaning-Police	40.09
Jacobson Excavating	Topsoil for Cemetery	200.00
Johnson's Printing Service	Envelopes-Office	173.24
Kevin WM Koch, PC	Attorney Fees	826.17
Marquette County Road Commission	Dust Control	2,164.87
Marquette General Health Systems	EMS Supplies	228.03
MAS & B, LLC	Tire-Ambulance	250.58
Menards	Supplies-Water	3,249.23
Michigan Sales	Shop Supplies	61.61
MMC-Occupational Medicine	Physical-K. Uren	195.00
Modeltown Express	Diesel	87.79
North Country Disposal	Recycling	300.00
Peter Ghiringhelli	EMS Supplies	21.20
Pomasl Fire Equipment	Supplies & Bunker Gear-Fire Office Supplies-Office, Fire, Senior Center	3,621.02
Quill Corporation	Center	309.61
Range Telecommunications	Miss Dig Services	18.50
Sawyer Iron & Metal	Towing-Police	85.00

Snyders	Supplies-Fire & Nordeen Park	61.27
SunTrust	Fire Truck Payment	39,049.54
Talsma Controls Company	Water Repair	1,743.31
The Bank of New York Mellon, NA	Water Bond Payment	3,931.25
The Mining Journal	Publications	189.90
The Office Planning Group	Copier Maintenance Agreement-Office	180.97
U.S. Target, Inc.	Targets-Police	55.72
Upper Peninsula Assessors Association	Courses-DeGroot	125.00
USA Blue Book	Water Supplies	273.98
Yelle Mechanical Services	Truck Repair-Fire	500.16
		64,335.85

**Forsyth Township
Bills to be Approved
Additions
25-Aug-11**

Vendor	Purpose	Amount
Ace Hardware	Misc Supplies	578.82
Bear Auto Repair	Towing of Fire Truck	150.00
GBS Inc.	Election Supplies	65.56
Harris Computer Systems	Checks	454.61
Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police	Subscription	115.00
NBT Enterprises	Gloves	240.00
Range Telecommunications	Radio Repairs-EMS	100.00
Sawyer 24 Hour Towing	Towing of Police Car	60.00
Sun Badge	Uniforms-Police	374.50
The Office Planning Group	Annual Contract-Maintenance	999.52
		3,138.01
	Original Bill Listing	64,335.85
	Total Accounts Payable	67,473.86

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 58310-58513
Tax Numbers: 1251

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Old Ambulance at Skandia Township: The joint boards of West Branch & Skandia Township want to dispose of the ambulance given to them by Forsyth, which is currently stored at K.I. Sawyer, unless Forsyth wants it back. It was the consensus of board members to let them dispose of the ambulance.

Cemetery Caretaker/Sexton Letter: This matter was tabled. The USW Staff Representative stated that job descriptions and the setting of hourly rates are part of the union's jurisdiction and legal standing, further stating the board table such action until such time that they could sit down and negotiate the job and pay rate which are outside of the current contract.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Administrator: The USW Representative, Mike Bellmore, stated the combination of the Assessing/Zoning Aide and Zoning Administrator would not have to be posted if the individual was the only one in the position. However, the salary issue was a concern. Filizetti-Hartzell felt the salary should be a union/board negotiated issue. USW Rep., Mike Bellmore, will be contacted regarding both employee issues.

ACTION ITEMS:

Bids for 22A Gravel: Bids for 22-A gravel were received from M.J. VanDamme Trucking, Inc. for 500 tons at \$5.39 per ton (\$2,650.00) & 1,000 tons at \$5.15 per ton (\$5,150.00), delivered and Jacobson's Excavating & Landscaping for 500 tons at \$5,000.00 & 1,000 tons \$10,000.00, delivered. Motion by Nordeen, supported by Filizetti-Hartzell & unanimously carried to award the bid to M.J. VanDamme Trucking, Inc. for 1,000 tons of 22-A gravel, delivered to the Township garage, at a total cost of \$5,150.00.

Vehicle Bids: Motion by Nordeen, supported by Armatti & unanimously carried to award the vehicle bids as follows: 2004 Dodge Intrepid – Chicago Motors, \$1,307.00; 2006 Chevy Impala – Chicago Motors \$2,707.00; 1999 Ford Crown Victoria – John Manninen \$300.00; 1988 Ford F-350 Stake Body – John Manninen \$750.00. It was decided that the 2002 Ford 450 Ambulance and the 1995 Chevy ¾ Ton 4x4 with the Boss V Plow bids were too low and would not be sold.

August 12, 2011
Forsyth Township Office

Bids for vehicles were opened by Clerk Filizetti-Hartzell for the following: Also in attendance were Dave Chautier, citizen and Chris Denessen, Township employee.

Time Started: 10:12 a.m.

Time Ended: 10:22 a.m.

2004 Dodge Intrepid

Chicago Motors	\$1,307.00
Time Leiho	\$ 555.00
Michael Bell	\$ 525.00
John Manninen	\$ 300.00
Eric Keough	\$ 111.00
David Jacobson	\$ 100.00

1999 Ford Crown Victoria

John Manninen	\$ 300.00
Tim Leiho	\$ 278.00
Chicago Motors	\$ 207.00
Eric Keough	\$ 111.00
David Jacobson	\$ 100.00

2006 Chevy Impala

Chicago Motors	\$2,707.00
Henry P. Ward	\$1,600.00
George Dulsay	\$1,177.00
Scott Searle	\$ 750.00
Tim Leiho	\$ 502.00
John Manninen	\$ 300.00
Richard Whitty	\$ 211.10
Eric Keough	\$ 211.00
David Jacobson	\$ 125.00

2002 Ford 450 Old Ambulance

George Pulsay	\$1,577.00
Tim Leiho	\$1,448.00
Scott Searle	\$1,000.00
John Manninen	\$ 950.00-1,000.00
Connie Peterson	\$ 703.00
Richard Whitty	\$ 219.20

1995 Chevy ¾ Ton 4 x 4 with Boss V Plow

David Jacobson	\$1,500.00
Henry P. Ward	\$1,010.00
Scott Searle	\$1,000.00
John Manninen	\$ 800.00
Tim Leiho	\$ 529.00
Eric Keough	\$ 511.00
Richard Whitty	\$ 167.00

1988 Ford F-350 Stake Body

John Manninen	\$ 750.00
Ray Fosterling	\$ 687.00
David Jacobson	\$ 675.00
Dave Chautier	\$ 600.00
George Dulsay	\$ 427.00
Tim Leiho	\$ 377.00
Richard Whitty	\$ 211.91
Eric Keough	\$ 121.00

Letter of Support to KBIC: Motion by Minelli, supported by Filizetti-Hartzell & unanimously carried to support the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community of Michigan to conduct off-reservation gaming activities on an 80-acre parcel of land located in Marquette, County, Michigan. Attorney Koch will take care of writing the letter of support.

Purchase Police Car: Lynn Rodgers applied for and received two percent monies from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to purchase a new patrol car and related equipment. Bids for a new patrol vehicle were received from Bill Snethkamp – Fleet, Lansing, Michigan for a 2011/2012 Dodge Charger with Police Package for \$22,935.00 and Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Jeep, Owosso, Michigan 2013 Ford Sedan Police Interceptor for \$22,392.00. Chief Rector recommended purchasing the Dodge Charger as Ford will be changing to a Taurus and equipment exchange will not be compatible. Motion by Armatti, supported by Filizetti-Hartzell & unanimously carried to purchase a 2011/2012 Dodge Charger with Police Package from Bill Snethkamp – Fleet, 6131 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, Michigan 49811 at a cost of \$22,935.00.

Purchase Foam for Fire Department: Motion by Nordeen, supported by Armatti & unanimously carried to purchase a barrel of foam for the Fire Department at a cost of \$1,350.00.

Purchase 2001 Dump Truck: Armatti stated he brought a 2001 dump truck with 80,000 miles & a new dump box from Frei Chevrolet for the board to look at and consider purchasing for \$14,900.00, which he feels is a good buy. No monies were built into the budget for a new dump truck and Lynn Rodgers explained the purchase would be a General Operating Expense with the other funds paying a rental fee when the truck used in those departments. Motion by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Nordeen & unanimously carried to adjust the budget by reducing Contingency (101-890-956) by \$14,900.00 & increasing Public Works Capital Outlay by \$14,900.00. Motion by Nordeen, supported by Filizetti-Hartzell & unanimously carried to purchase the 2001 Dump Truck from Frei Chevrolet for \$14,900.00.

Landscaping Banshee Street Playground: Nordeen stated the playground equipment has been refurbished & landscaping and topsoil is needed. She further stated that the township will be applying for a \$100,000 grant from Lowes. NMU will help with the planting of trees, picnic tables will be provided and volunteers will help with additional work. Neil's Trucking & Excavating, LLC will do dozer work leveling the ground and supply and level top soil for a cost of \$2,800.00. There is currently \$1,300.00 left in the monies allocated for that park. Motion by Nordeen, supported by Filizetti-Hartzell to take \$1,500.00 from the Clubhouse/Recreation Fund for dozer work & topsoil. The need for grass seed was brought up by Minelli, which will be an additional cost, especially if hydro seed is used. Nordeen amended her motion, Filizetti-Hartzell amended her support to take \$3,000.00 rather than \$1,500.00 from the Clubhouse/Recreation Fund for dozer work, topsoil and seeding the Banshee Street playground at Sawyer. Roll call vote: Minelli –aye, Nordeen – aye, Armatti – abstained, Roberts – aye, Filizetti-Hartzell – aye. Motion carried.

Marquette County Health Department: Motion by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Roberts & unanimously carried to allow the MCHD to set up a flu shot clinic on October 5th from 1 to 4 at the Emergency Service Building.

Office Hours: Office personnel safety is a concern considering one person alone in the office in the morning. Safety in numbers, with all office employees arriving and leaving at the same time was advised by Minelli & Filizetti-Hartzell. Motion by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Roberts & unanimously carried to continue the Forsyth Township Office summer hours, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. permanently.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Public Comment: Tires, brush, piles of cardboard located on township property and pending fire disaster was brought up by a township resident. A Sawyer resident thanked the township board for the Banshee Street park, providing additional monies for topsoil & seed; also thanked Tammy for countless hours applying for a grant; also interested in purchasing the plow. Sawyer resident would like to see some positive publicity about Sawyer, getting Channel 6 to visit more than once so they can see what is being accomplished at Sawyer.

Board Member Comment: Armatti addressed the issue with the garbage truck, is concerned because the truck was made in France & getting parts is a real problem; can get \$10,000.00 for truck but the township is committed to \$10,000.00 in parts. Nordeen commented on all the Sawyer volunteers for the park; working on grants for the baseball diamonds to bring them up to par with the Gwinn diamonds.

Adjournment: Supervisor Minelli adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Filizetti-Hartzell, Forsyth Township Clerk