

**Forsyth Township Board
Special Meeting
Emergency Services Building
March 9, 2013**

Supervisor Minelli called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Minelli, Clerk Nordeen, Treasurer Roberts, and Trustees Adams and Armatti.

Board Members Absent: None.

Also Present: UPEA representatives, a number of township employees and interested residents.

Agenda: Motion by Adams, supported by Nordeen, to approve the agenda with the following being tabled: **7c.** Fire Department Constitution and Bylaws. Motion carried.

Public Comment: A resident asked if public comment could carry through the meeting. This was allowed by the board. A resident out at Sawyer community thanked the Board for their support for the updates out there. Another resident commented on the lack of the Board addressing Zoning Violations.

Public Hearing for Grant for Police Patrol Vehicle: Rodgers addressed the grant of \$7,000.00 that was awarded for a replacement of an existing patrol vehicle. Much of the equipment can be transferred to the new vehicle. The cost to the township will be approximately \$23,300.00, which will be accounted for in next year's budget. No comment from the public. Public hearing closed at 10:09 a.m.

Workshop for Budget: Supervisor Minelli started the workshop stating the budget is balanced going into the upcoming year, just as it's been for the years past. The majority of the revenue and expense, which has increased \$307,000.00, is for the purchase of the new Fire Truck, approximately \$287,000. Discussion ensued for the entire budget.

Supervisor Minelli called for a short break at 11:20 a.m.

Supervisor Minelli called meeting back to order at 11:25 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution for Water Project (7a.): Motion by Adams, supported by Armatti, to adopt the resolution, and application, as presented. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote: Roberts – aye, Adams – aye, Armatti – aye, Minelli – aye, Nordeen – aye. Motion carried.

CONVEYANCE OF STATE OF MICHIGAN LAND TO FORSYTH TOWNSHIP FOR
MUNICIPAL WELLFIELD

Resolution

RESOLVED BY: The Forsyth Township Board, Forsyth Township, Michigan.

WHEREAS, Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, provides for the conveyance of State-owned tax-reverted lands to municipal units for public purposes, and

WHEREAS, such lands, as particularly described immediately below, are under the jurisdiction of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources and are available for acquisition under the provisions of the above mentioned act:

The South Eight Hundred Eighty (880) feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$) lying West of the Westerly Right-of-Way (R.O.W.) of State Highway M-35, said R.O.W. being Two Hundred (200) feet wide as recorded in Liber 306 of Deeds, Page 162, **and** the South Eight Hundred Eighty (880) feet of the East One Hundred (100) feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$), all being located in Section Twenty-two (22), Township Forty-five North Range Twenty-five West (T45N-R25W), Forsyth Township, Marquette County, Michigan. Said parcel having an area of 9.4 acres, more or less.

SUBJECT TO the rights of the public in County Road "EJJ" (Slough Lake Road), said road having a Sixty-six (66) foot wide easement R.O.W., said R.O.W. being Thirty-three (33) feet on either side of the as-constructed centerline thereof.

RESERVING THEREFROM for the Grantor their respective successors, heirs, lessees, agents or assigns, a Twenty-four (24) foot wide perpetual easement, said easement being Twelve (12) feet on either side of the existing centerline thereof, for recreational trail purposes.

and,

WHEREAS, Forsyth Township desires to acquire such lands for purposes of a Municipal Wellfield.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth Township Board is authorized to make application to the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, Real Estate Services conveyance of said land to Forsyth Township for a nominal fee as set by the Department of Natural Resources, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Forsyth Township shall set up necessary procedures and controls to provide for the proper distribution for funds arising from the subsequent sale of the acquired property in conformity with the above mentioned act.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

CERTIFICATION

I, Jane Nordeen, Clerk of the Township of Forsyth, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution relative to the Agreement with the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, Real Estate Services, which Resolution was adopted by the Forsyth Township Board at a Special Meeting held March 9, 2013.

Signature

Title

Date

Bids for Tourist Park (7b.): Discussion ensued regarding the eight bids received. Neil's Trucking misunderstood bid requirements, therefore that bid was void per UPEA's recommendations. UPEA's recommendation was to accept M J Van Damme Trucking. Motion by Nordeen to table item, supported by Minelli. Discussion ensued regarding eligibility of particular board members to motion or vote because of financial and/or personal interests. Minelli rescinded his support for tabling the item. Motion failed, due to lack of support. Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to accept the bid from M J Van Damme Trucking, for \$24,290.00, as recommended by the engineers and architects and attorney. Discussion ensued. Nordeen recused herself from voting. Armatti was recused, as a bid provider. Motion carried.

Supervisor Minelli called for a short break at 12:08 p.m.

Supervisor Minelli called meeting back to order at 12:15 p.m.

Trustee Armatti excused himself, due to other commitments, at 12:27 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident questioned the water and sewer fund. Board members clarified how the fund works.

Adjournment: Supervisor Minelli adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Filizetti
Clerk/Secretary