

**Forsyth Township Board
Special Meeting
Gwinn Community Center Lions Room
September 9, 2014**

Supervisor Minelli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Minelli, Clerk Nordeen, Treasurer Roberts, Trustee Adams and Trustee Bodenus

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: A number of township employees and concerned citizens.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Nordeen, supported by Roberts, to approve the minutes for August 28, 2014 Regular Board Meeting, with correction to 10c: Clarification was made by Trustee Roberts that Trustee Bodenus is the Primary Liaison and Trustee Adams would fill in if Trustee Bodenus is not available. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Bonnie Hartzell hoped the Board would decide to hire a Senior Director. Another resident stated the importance in hiring a Senior Director.

Agenda: Motion by Adams, supported by Nordeen, to approve the agenda with the following additions and deletions: ***add*** 7e. Maglocks for Peter Nordeen Park Restrooms, 7f. Compensation for Clerk at KI Sawyer Community Center, 7g. Promote Interim Police Chief and ***delete*** 7c. North Star EAP. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Hire Senior Director (7a.): Supervisor Minelli explained that it would be acceptable if the Board decided to advertise for the position again. He also pointed out that, per the Attorney, the motions that were made in prior Board Meetings cannot be made by the same person. Trustee Adams asked if they could repeat motions until a Director was picked. Supervisor Minelli stated it was possible. Motion by Adams, supported by Nordeen, to approve hiring Brian Veale as the Senior Center Director. Motion carried.

Tunnel Vision Contract (7b.): Supervisor Minelli stated that there had been some mishaps while Tunnel Vision had been looking at the sewer lines. Anyone with damages should contact the Forsyth Township Office. Trustee Bodenus has worked with the company in the past and explained that they were a good company. Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the Tunnel Vision Contract under the SAW Grant, as presented. Motion carried.

North Star EAP (7c.): This item was deleted from the agenda.

Clubhouse Bids (7d.): Supervisor Minelli had requested bids for moving the garage at the clubhouse. The request was for a slab and one row of blocks. Supervisor Minelli explained that two bids were

received. He read the bid specifications from the two bidders, RG Custom Masonry for \$2,550.00 and Derick Johnson for \$2,000.00. Motion by Adams, supported by Nordeen, to approve the bid from Derick Johnson for \$2,000.00 to construct the foundation for the Clubhouse Garage. Motion carried.

Maglocks for Peter Nordeen Park Restrooms (7e.): Motion by Nordeen, supported by Adams, to install Maglock magnetic locks for the Peter Nordeen Park restrooms. Supervisor Minelli explained the quote was for \$906.74, stating it looked like it included installation, but if not Public Works could install, opens from the inside preventing getting locked inside, and had battery back-up in case the power goes out. Motion carried.

Compensation for Clerk at KI Sawyer Community Center (7f.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to consider compensation for Mrs. Nordeen for her work at the KI Sawyer Community Center. Clerk Nordeen abstained from voting. She then explained her work at the Center. Due to new employees and volunteers, she has had to put more hours in until everyone is trained. Treasurer Roberts asked why she hadn't been paid for the hours she had already put in. Supervisor Minelli and Clerk Nordeen explained the previous action had a time limit that had already expired, therefore, the time she has put in has been volunteered. Trustee Adams questioned the time needed to complete the training. Trustee Adams amended his motion, support amended by Roberts, to consider compensation for Mrs. Nordeen for her work at the KI Sawyer Community Center for 36 hours at \$10.00 per hour, until the end of the month. Motion carried.

Promote Interim Police Chief (7g.): Motion by Adams to consider promoting the Interim Police Chief to Police Chief. No support. Motion failed. Supervisor Minelli explained that in the prior meeting there was a motion to advertise for the Police Chief. The Interim Police Chief could apply for the Chief of Police position. Trustee Adams acknowledged that the Interim Police Chief has been with our department for 6 years, and has performed a number of tasks, and does not think we need to go further to get a Police Chief.

Supervisor Minelli read the ad for the Police Chief. He then addressed the benefits of having a Chief that lives in the community. He suggested the ad run for 3 weeks.

Public Comment: Bonnie Hartzell was pleased that the Board hired a Senior Director. Another resident was pleased that the Board hired a Senior Director, and pointed out that the Center has also lost another employee. She suggested that employee get replaced too. Supervisor Minelli stated the new Director would have to check his budget to see if that could be done. Al Winfield questioned the Board about an article in the Mining Journal on September 5th regarding the biomass and tire derived fuel fired steam and electricity plant named Marquette Green Energy. He also commented on the water loss at Martin Lake, and how he has not had any success getting answers from any other agencies. Supervisor Minelli invited Mr. Winfield to come into his office to discuss the matter.

Board Member Comment: Trustee Adams questioned where the photo identification badges are that were brought up at prior meetings. Supervisor Minelli will get with Mr. Hillock to question the status of the ids. Trustee Roberts welcomed Mr. Veale as the new Senior Center Director. Mr. Veale stated he was honored to work with the seniors. Trustee Bodenus suggested Clerk Nordeen look into synced calendars for the KI Sawyer Community Center scheduling needs. He also congratulated Mr. Veale and thanked him for applying. Clerk Nordeen congratulated Mr. Veale, and invited everyone to stop out at the KI Sawyer Community Center. Supervisor Minelli wanted the Board to consider hiring an assistant in the Assessing and Zoning office, as Assessor DeGroot will be retiring soon, Mrs. Stachewicz will need to

train for the Assessor's position, leaving an opening for the assistants position. As all positions will need training, he suggests hiring soon.

Adjournment: Supervisor Minelli adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Filizetti
Clerk/Secretary

Jane Nordeen
Forsyth Township Clerk