

**Forsyth Township Board
Regular Meeting
KI Sawyer Heritage Museum
September 24, 2015**

Supervisor Minelli called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: Clerk Nordeen, excused.

Also Present: Attorney Kevin Koch, UPEA Representatives Carr Baldwin, Fire Chief Don Hutchens, Police Chief Gordon Warchock, Superintendent of Public Works Eric Jancsi, a number of township employees and concerned citizens.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the Minutes for September 17, 2015 Special Board Meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Outstanding Services Presentation: Police Chief Gordon Warchock asked Police Corporal Brian Kjellin, Police Officer Jesse Cadwell, and Police Officer Adam Whitley to come to the front of the room. He then explained an event that occurred with a suicidal individual with a loaded gun. Corporal Kjellin was not on duty, but came to the assistance of the other Officers. Chief Warchock then awarded all three with the Departments Life Saving Award.

Agenda: Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the agenda with the additions of **11o. Floor for New Public Works Building, 11p. FY2016 Master Agreement to Purchase Services, 11q. Water System Improvements Resolution** and deleting **14a. Union Meeting Dates**. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Carl Bryzek referred to a list of questions he had passed out prior to the meeting. He would like the Board to answer these questions. Supervisor Minelli explained that UPEA had answered all his questions. Mr. Bryzek believes the Water/Sewer Project is too expensive. Fire Chief Don Hutchens stated that the KI Sawyer Fire Department Truck is currently inoperable. They cannot find the parts to get it operating properly again. Dale Throenle commented on an article in the Detroit News. He would like future articles to discern between KI Sawyer residents and Gwinn residents. Supervisor Minelli stated, the article was not something the Township released, and he could not control the writings of the media. Doug Beauchamp received another fire bill in the mail today. He believes he is not responsible for the charges, therefore will not pay the bill.

Department Reports: The following reports were accepted and placed on file: Assessing/Zoning, Senior Citizens Director, Fire Department, Library, Police Department and General Operating Financial Report. Reports not filed: Ambulance, Public Works, KI Sawyer Community Center and Parks Committee.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Koch stated he was at the Superior Extrusion Inc. trial for a day and a half. The judge stated there should be a decision within 90 days. He has two zoning cases currently in court. The Dunklee/Vincent violation has been served and the Morrison violation has been filed. He has cut his fence, but possibly not enough. Assessing/Zoning Assistant Stachewicz is researching the violation. It is possible that it may be dismissed if all requirements are met.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to approve the bills and vouchers as presented with the addition of the Superior Extrusion tax tribunal bills, totaling, \$43,861.53. Attorney Koch explained that the Court Recording bill was split with Superior Extrusion. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township
Bills For Approval
9/24/15**

Vendor	Description	Amount
Airgas	PW Gases & Cylinder Rental	46.16
American Welding & Gas	EMS Gases & Cylinder Rental	166.22
Aramark	Carpet and Uniform Service	1,280.10
Arrow International	Ambulance Supplies	536.37
Auto Value	Parts for Various Departments	1,575.28
Beauchamp Plumbing & Heating	PD Repairs	520.49
Bright Star Cleaning	Clubhouse Floor Refinishing	980.93
Compudyne	Computer Support	250.00
Dalco	KISCC Cleaning Supplies	15.41
Derick Johnson	Concrete Work on Clubhouse Ramp	900.00
Elcom Systems	PD Service Agreement	77.00
Embroidery Wear House	EMS Uniforms	352.78
Emergency Medical Products	Ambulance Supplies	663.18
Fraco	Clubhouse Ramp Concrete	1,321.01
Galls	PD Equipment	737.12
Joe & Son's Service Center	PD Tire Repair	80.00
Kevin Koch PC	Attorney Fees	2,071.04
Marquette County	Assessing/Zoning Training and Review	310.00
Menards	Supplies for Various Depts	2,134.12
Michigan State Police	PD Token	330.00
Midway Rentals	Clubhouse Ramp Supplies	7.99
Midwest Security System	Assessing/Zoning Security Alarm	580.50
MyTana	Sewer Supplies	313.80
North Country Septic	Portable Restrooms	190.00
Pacific Telemanagement	Pay Phone	50.00
Pomasl	FD & EMS Supplies	1,013.47
Quill	Supplies for Various Depts	206.19
R&R Fire Truck Repair	FD Uniforms	402.52
Range Telecommunications	Miss Dig Calls	29.75
Snyder Drug	Supplies for Various Depts	52.98
State of Michigan	Boiler Certificate and Inspection	130.00
Superior Electric	Senior Center Kitchen Repair	191.60
Superior Lock	PD Keypad and Installation	363.00

The Mining Journal	Publishing	256.65
The Stitch Witch LLC	PD Uniforms	30.00
TransUnion	Background Checks	25.50
UP Health System	Ambulance Supplies	199.08
UP Office Systems	Senior Center Copier	261.00
White Water Assoc	Water Analysis	2,496.00
Wolverine Door Service	Tourist Park Restroom Repair	267.75
		21,414.99

**Forsyth Township
Additional Bills For Approval
9/24/15**

Vendor	Description	Amount
Ace Hardware	Supplies for Various Depts	1,168.21
Associated Constructors	Clubhouse Ramp Repairs	362.25
CMP Distributors	PD Guns	4,090.00
Essence of Time	Initial Payment for Clock Repair	7,500.00
Frischman Appraisal & Consulting	SEI Trial	2,200.00
Galls	Traffic Light and Signs	81.31
Hiawatha Chef Supply	Senior Center Stove	3,587.00
Holiday 50 Minute Cleaners	PD Dry-cleaning	21.20
Joyce Styer	Senior Center Birthday Cake	25.00
Michigan State University	ZBA Training	275.00
Menards	Supplies for Various Depts	28.97
MyTana	Sewer Parts	110.74
Quill	Office Supplies	52.05
The Stitch Witch LLC	PD Uniform Alteration	37.00
UPEA	Well Study	1,366.75
US Postal Service	Senior Center Newsletter Postage	87.02
WS Darley	FD Batteries	287.04
		21,279.54
Original Bill Listing		21,414.99
Total Accounts Payable		42,694.53

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 69554-69809
Voucher Numbers for Tax 1590-1592

ACTION ITEMS:

Fire Truck Bid Opening (11a.): Supervisor Minelli explained that there were two bid received for the Fire Truck Tanker. One was from R&R Fire Truck Repair, and the other from Payette Sales and Service Inc. Fire Chief Hutchens explained that three vendors had been contacted. One of the vendors declined from bidding, as they could not be competitive. Chief Hutchens then stated that the bid from Payette Sales and Service Inc., did not meet the specifications required, so he is recommending R&R Fire Truck Repair. Supervisor Minelli opened the bid from R&R Fire Truck Repair Inc. The amount of the truck was \$274,263.00. The amount for additional equipment was \$8,840.00.

Motion by Bodenus, supported by Roberts, to reject the bid from Payette Sales and Service Inc., as it does not meet all the required specifications. Motion carried.

Fire Dept – Purchase Fire Truck (11b.): Discussion ensued. Though the open bid meets the specifications required from Forsyth Township Fire Department, it may be useful to add some additional equipment to the Tanker. Motion by Bodenus, supported by Roberts, to approve the bid from R&R Fire Truck Repair Inc., for \$290,000, contingent upon ability to pay. Motion carried.

Fire Dept – Hire Fire Fighters (11c.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Bodenus, to approve hiring Adam Whitley, Jason Denman, Leroy Lancour, James McClung and Brennan Johnson as Forsyth Township Firefighters. Motion carried.

Fire Dept – Truck Tires (11d.): Motion by Adams, to put a hold on purchasing tires and have our mechanic and Pumps take a look at the tires before we spend \$4,000. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Minelli explained that tires have dates on them, which do not have anything to do with tread wear. Fire Chief Hutchens explained he did have the Mechanic look at them. They are chafing. A tire blew on this truck last week. Board Liaison Bodenus has inspected the tires. R&R Fire Truck Repair Representative explained that the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) safety standard is 7 years. No support. Motion failed.

Motion by Bodenus, supported by Roberts, to approve purchasing tires for Fire Truck 2022, not to exceed \$4,000. Motion carried.

Fire Dept – Bunker Gear (11e.): Motion by Adams, supported by Bodenus, to approve purchasing one set of Bunker Gear for the Fire Department totaling \$1,600. Motion carried.

KI Sawyer Community Center Hours (11f.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to reduce the KI Sawyer and Gwinn Community hours to close at 8:00 pm. Discussion ensued. Trustee Adams stated that children need sleep, and it is dark. Children need to get themselves home on their own and there are safety issues. Trustee Bodenus suggested perhaps changing to winter hours. Supervisor Minelli would like Clerk Nordeen to have an opportunity to weigh in on this decision. He would also like her to keep count of the children using the center after 8:00 pm. Motion withdrawn by Adams, support withdrawn by Roberts. Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to table the 8:00 pm closure time at our community centers until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Emergency Vehicle Signage (11g.): Trustee Adams stated that he has been watching our Emergency Vehicles trying to come out of Johnson Lake Road. He would like an application made, and a study

done, for this intersection with the Highway Department. Supervisor Minelli stated he would have Eric contact MDOT and the Marquette County Road Commission.

Police Dept – Hire Full Time Officers (11h.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by Adams, to approve the hiring of two full time Police Officers to preplace the two departing Officers. Discussion ensued. Trustee Adams would like the Board to be part of the hiring process. He would like to see the applications. Motion amended by Bodenus, support amended by Adams, to approve the hiring of two full time Police Officers to replace the two departing Officers with recommendation from the interviewing panel. The panel will include Trustee Bodenus and Trustee Adams. The interviews will take place at 8:00 am in the KI Sawyer Heritage Museum on October 3rd. Motion carried.

Police Dept – Fill Vacant Positions (11i.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by Adams, to approve the Police Department filling the Sergeant and the possible Corporal positions, per recommendation of the interviewing panel. Motion carried.

Assessing/Zoning – 2015 Tax Request L-4029 Form (11j.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the 2015 Tax Request form L-4029, as presented. Motion carried.

Assessing/Zoning – Zoning Amendment (11k.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve rezoning two parcels on Anderson Lake and County Road 557 (52-05-057-005-00 and 52-05-057-003-10) from Seasonal Dwelling to Recreation/Resource Production, as recommended by the Zoning Staff. Discussion ensued. Assessing/Zoning Assistant Rebecca Stachewicz explained where the property is located, and why the staff is recommending the change. Motion carried.

Lawn Maintenance (11l.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the estimate from A Jacobson Landscaping for fall lawn maintenance, as presented, totaling \$3,065. Motion carried.

Boulevard Landscaping – Carbon to Mineral (11m.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the estimate from A Jacobson Landscaping for Boulevard sections Carbon to Mineral, as presented, totaling \$14,530. Motion carried.

Boulevard Landscaping – Carbon to Jasper (11n.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the estimate from A Jacobson Landscaping for Boulevard section Carbon to Jasper, as presented, totaling \$10,770. Motion carried.

Floor for New Public Works Building (11o.): Supervisor Minelli explained that we had received two quotes for the floor of the new Public Works building, which is replacing the one that was demolished by the snow. He acknowledged bids from JJ's Masonry for \$15,900 and RG Custom Masonry for \$9,500. Superintendent of Public Works Jancsi explained this was for labor only. It would cost less if the Township provided the materials. Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the quote from RG Custom Masonry for \$9,500. Motion carried.

Motion by Adams, supported by Bodenus, to approve \$2,500 for material needed for the Public Works Building. Motion carried.

FY2016 Master Agreement to Purchase Services (11p.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to approve the FY2016 Master Agreement to Purchase Services from the County of Marquette Aging Services, as presented. Motion carried.

Water System Improvements Resolution (11q.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the Water Systems Improvements Loan Resolution, as presented. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – aye, Trustee Adams –aye, Treasurer Roberts – aye, Clerk Nordeen – absent, Supervisor Minelli – aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

Public Comment: Carl Bryzek stated the Actual Cash Value assessed on his properties is a violation of the Michigan Constitution, Article 9, Section 3. He also asked why we needed to buy a new fire truck, we don't need five. We only need two.

***Supervisor Minelli called for a short break at 7:57 pm
Supervisor Minelli called the meeting back to order.***

Board Member Comment: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Filizetti
Clerk/Secretary

Jane Nordeen
Forsyth Township Clerk