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**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor, R. Fontaine, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: G. Boudreau, R. Fontaine, D. Wellman, P. Anderson
Members absent: A. Wagner
Audience sheet attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

AGENDA

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fontaine, CARRIED to approve Agenda.

MINUTES

Received Minutes:
Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes – August, 2015

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular Meeting minutes with one correction. Under New Business, section c the minutes should read “A discussion was held to repair Jaeger Road. It would cost \$100,000.00 to pave the first mile and \$80,000.00 to do seal coating of the next two miles.”

REPORTS

Received Reports.
a. August, 2015 Financial Reports: P. Anderson reported that the treasurer and clerk were in balance.
b. A. Wagner provided the tax report.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, D. Wellman, CARRIED, to acknowledge the Financial Reports.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Assessor’s Report of September, 2015
- 2. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – August, 2015
- 3. UPPCO – Public Hearing

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman’s August, 2015 – Maintenance Reports/Treasurer’s Report

Fire Chief Updates

- 1. A Par Plan Grant in the amount of \$1200.00 has been received which will be used for back up cameras.

2. Jon is asking for permission to allow 6 fireman to attend training in Alpena at a cost of \$1250.00.
3. Jon is also asking permission to send 6 MFR to the UP EMS Conference in Marquette at the cost of approximately \$960.00.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to allow 6 firefighters to attend the fall training in Alpena at the cost of \$1250.00 and 6 MFR to the UP EMS training in Marquette at the cost of approximately \$960.00.

4. Jon will get quotes for a generator.
5. There was a low turn out for the Ice Cream Social and this will be evaluated for next year.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to accept the fire department report.

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. August, 2015 water system report was received.
- b. The City of Escanaba Water Department helped with the water leak at the Fudala Residence as no other contractors were available. Payne and Dolan helped repair the blacktop.
- c. Mark will check on the three meters that are still not working.

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to accept the water report.

- d. Estimates of Repair to Lines – A representative from Bradfield Excavating was present at the meeting. He will provide an estimate to repair/replace lines at E4638 M-35, 3751 L. 15 Lane and 4673 M-35.
- e. Dixon Engineering – Mark has not heard back as yet. This will be tabled.
- f. Request for Forgiveness – Water leak at E4747 M-35. This will be reconsidered after proof of correction of leak is received.
- g. Conrad Ryno – Mr. Ryno had questions regarding his water bill. He has a leak which has not as yet been corrected. P. Anderson and M. Rose will talk to Mr. Ryno after the meeting regarding this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

- a. Roads – Jody from the Delta County road Commission was present to talk about Jaeger Road. He explained that the first mile was in the worst condition and will be the most expensive. His question was whether the Township wanted to seal it or pave it. Culverts would be placed in 2016 and the road would be paved in 2017 at the cost of \$100,000.00 to pave the first mile. This could be budgeted over the next two years.

Moved, D. Wellman, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to pave 1 to 1 1/2 miles of Jaeger Road. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: G. Boudreau, R. Fountaine, D. Wellman, P. Anderson

Nay: None

Absent: A. Wagner

b. Equalization Agreement – Tabled until next month.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to table the Equalization Agreement until more clarification is received.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$42,628.24 and the Water Fund in the amount of 49,805.31.

- a. Superior Trade Zone Board – R. Fountaine explained that she is on the Board but that an alternate is needed in case she is unable to attend the meetings. G. Boudreau expressed willingness to serve as alternate.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to have G. Boudreau serve as alternate on the Superior Trade Zone Board.

- b. Planning Commission Position – A member of the Planning Commission is resigning. This position will need to be advertised in the newspaper.

Moved, R. Fountaine, seconded, G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to advertise for the vacant position on the Planning Commission.

- c. Hannula Insurance Policy – P. Anderson explained two new coverages. One is for Terrorism Coverage and the other is Non-Monetary Suite Defense Cost. It was thought that the Terrorism Coverage was not needed. R. Fountaine will check with other Townships regarding the Non-Monetary Suit Defense Cost. This will be further discussed. The bill be paid and P. Anderson will check to see if this can be added to our insurance at a later date.
- d. Snow Plowing Bids – P. Anderson will put an ad in the paper requesting bids for snow plowing.


Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, P. Anderson, CARRIED, to advertise for bids for snow plowing for the 2015/2016 year.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

Moved, G. Boudreau, seconded, R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8: 45 p.m.



Patricia Anderson, Clerk



Approved: