

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
July 8, 2013, FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

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

Members present: Rachael Fountaine, Amanda Wagner, Sandra Breitenbach, Delor Wellman, and Gary Boudreau

Members absent: None

Audience sheet attached.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**AGENDA**

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED to approve Agenda.

**MINUTES**

Received Minutes:

June 10, 2013 Township Board Regular Meeting

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the minutes as read.

**REPORTS**

Received Reports

- a. May 2013 Financial Report: S. Breitenbach commented on another apparent discrepancy between the budget report and the general fund transaction register, which only appears to be affecting the running budget report itself; the transaction register is in agreement with the treasurer's report and bank statements. The clerk and treasurer have requested to meet with Ray Payment for additional help with resolving this problem.
- b. The tax report will be presented next month.

Moved A. Wagner, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to acknowledge the Financial Report.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Assessor report
2. DSWMA meeting minutes
3. Note: No planning commission meeting minutes due to the holiday, will be in next month's packet.

**WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

Received the June 2013 Water Report. Moved G. Boudreau, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to accept the Water Report.

- a. Estimated unmetered water usage for May is approximately 43%; Jeff received usage information from the clerk late and cannot at this time explain this large amount.


**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Moved G. Boudreau, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds totaling \$27,004.98 and bills from the Water System Fund totaling \$2278.86.
- b. Cemetery Ordinance: Discussed an inquiry from a resident as to whether a cremation burial is permitted in the same plot as a full burial. This is not currently permitted by our ordinance; the clerk will research cemetery ordinance terminology as used by other townships and suggested by MTA, and the board will review the entire ordinance.
- c. AT&T Metro Act Right of Way permit: Moved G. Boudreau, seconded S. Breitenbach, CARRIED, to approve extension of the Right of Way permit.
- d. CUPPAD membership: Renewal of membership is \$411. Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED to renew our CUPPAD membership.
- e. Upcoming events: Discussed the Delta County Township Association picnic (Escanaba Twp) July 25<sup>th</sup>, no reservations required; Lion's Club fish boil August 4<sup>th</sup>, noon to 5:00; and our township ice cream social, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 4:00. All will be posted on the website.

**PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT**

- a. Request from clerk to purchase MTA FOIA book for \$25; Rachael will check whether it is different from one she already has. Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to purchase FOIA book if we do not already have it.
- b. Supervisor Fountaine introduced Justin Zirkle, who will be opposing Ed McBroom for the 108<sup>th</sup> District State Representative; Mr. Zirkle provided us with his background information.
- c. Discussion regarding availability of a grant for dredging the mouth of the Ford River; water is low, causing difficulty for boats getting in and out. This was previously done by the DNR. Grants have been given by the State of Michigan to several other communities, and Escanaba is in the final stages of obtaining one; the money is apparently available but difficult to obtain, and could be looked into.
- d. Clerk Breitenbach introduced the new Deputy Clerk, Colleen Coppock.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

  
Patricia Anderson, Clerk

8/12/13  
Approved: