

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 11, 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, Beth Charles, Gary Boudreau, and Delor Wellman

Members absent: None

Audience sheet attached

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Rachael added 12. i.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Received Minutes:

February 11, 2013 Township Board Regular Meeting

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

REPORTS

Received Reports

- a. February 2013, Financial Report (will now include the on-going monthly budget comparison and monthly totals)

Moved B. Charles, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to acknowledge the Financial Report.

Transfer reversal from checking to savings of \$393.44 is complete and the GF matches between clerk, treasurer, and the bank. The amount of \$10.47 in WF has been off since 22 November but balancing ever since.

Moved A. Wagner, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to acknowledge the Assessor's Reports for February and March 2013.

Recess from the regular meeting at 7:08 to begin the Public Hearing on the budget.

BUDGET HEARING

Rachael went over the General Fund's proposed budget for FY 2013/2014.

Highlights include:

1. Cemetery, Township Hall and Grounds, Fire Capital Outlay, Roads, and Recreation amounts will all roll over to the new FY.
2. Budget is similar to last year.
3. Extra funds were added to the roads because there are a lot that need attention.
4. We need to look at our spending more this year and cut back.

An unofficial water system budget was put together and Jeff gave a list of recommendations for capital improvements.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: B. Charles, G. Boudreau, A. Wagner, D. Wellman, and R. Fountaine

Nay: None

Absent: None

Adjourned the Budget Public Hearing and reconvened to the regular meeting at 7:11 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Planning Commission Minutes from 02/07/2013
2. Delta County Solid Waste Management Authority Minutes from 01/16/2013

WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

Received the February 2013 Water Report.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to accept the Water Report.

Jeff has been talking with GEI regarding a fire flow study in the summer.

Jeff will be starting the required paper work and permit application for restoring the riverbank.

Jeff and Beth gave reports on water usage by the customers and the actual water used. A large portion of water used is not accounted for. Jeff explained how we could go about finding out where leaks could be. However, a portion of this may be because of the ice rink. We will continue to report these amounts and see if it goes down.

Rachael will be learning to do the meter reading with Jeff and Amanda will be learning to do the billing with Beth.

Jeff is still keeping a close eye on the exposed river crossing and has been talking with Rory Mattson on the issue. He will keep us informed.

Per the township board, Beth will continue to send an invoice for the unpaid water bill for service done by Brunette and Sons.

We are still waiting to hear back from the DEQ before we can move on with Kleiman's and replace pump on Well #2.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to approve the placement of a meter and meter pit at the road where work is being done because of a leak on L.15 road. (The meter is now in the resident's crawl space.) Chernick Construction will do the work for up to \$400. This cost needs to be in writing by the owner, Mr. Kidd, before the project starts.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Received the Fireman's February 2013, Maintenance Reports, the Treasurer's Report ending February 28, 2013.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Fire Reports.

Fire Chief updates:

1. Trying for a 2% grant to use to purchase two more air packs.
2. Pancake breakfast is April 21st.
3. Requested any balance of fire funds at end of fiscal year to be rolled over to the fire department's capital outlay. Request denied.
4. Requested \$1,700 from recreation for a snow blower attachment for the riding lawn mower to use on the ice rink. Request needs to be brought up later in the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance has been approved and just needs to be in the paper.

No response yet regarding the E-Poll book.

The Board of Review will be looking over the Poverty Exemption.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds check #18993 to #19034 totaling \$33,818.68 and Water System Fund check #4980 to #4993 totaling \$40,339.99.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to establish regular Township Board Meeting Dates for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014. Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: R. Fountaine, B. Charles, A. Wagner, G. Boudreau, and D. Wellman

Nay: None

Absent: None

Planning Commission meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 7pm again this year except for July, because of the Holiday, it will be the second Thursday of that month.

Discussed hall internet options with a hotspot Wi-Fi.

Moved A. Wagner, seconded G. Boudreau, CARRIED, to cancel WildBlue Communications for internet at the township hall.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded R. Fountaine, CARRIED, to roll over or keep at Peninsula Federal Credit Union, the CD that matured on March 10, 2013 and put where the treasurer finds the best rate.

Discussion took place regarding water leak charges. Beth will add verbiage into the Water Ordinance

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to forgive the cost of extra water used from the leaks at Brotherton Cottages and Gasman's.

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded B. Charles, CARRIED, to purchase two programmable thermostats for the township hall.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

Discussion took place regarding Nancy Mathews' water service line.

Moved R. Fountaine, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to hold a meeting with Nancy Mathews to amicably agree to a compromise on her service line water bill. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: A. Wagner, G. Boudreau, R. Fountaine, and B. Charles

Nay: D. Wellman

Absent: None

Moved G. Boudreau, seconded A. Wagner, CARRIED, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Beth Charles

Beth Charles, Clerk

4-8-13
Approved: