

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**March 12, 2012, FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Charles Detiege who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Charles Detiege, Mary Jo Wellman, and Delor Wellman,

Members absent: Gary Boudreau and Beth Charles

Audience sheet attached

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Charlie added to the Agenda:

1. Web pages demonstrating by Jolie from C2 Group after Consent Agenda
2. Under New Business (c.) New Deputy (d.) Charlie leaving position

**AGENDA AND REPORTS**

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED to approve Agenda.

Received Reports

- a. February 2012, Treasurer's Report

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to acknowledge treasurer's report.

**BUDGET HEARING**

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to accept the budget as presented. Upon a roll-call vote, the following voted:

Aye: M. Wellman, D. Wellman, and C. Detiege

Nay: None

Absent: B. Charles and G. Boudreau

**MINUTES**

Received Minutes:

February 13, 2012 Township Board Regular Meeting

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to accept minutes as read.

Received Minutes:

March 1, 2012 Township Board Budget Workshop

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to accept minutes as read.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

1. January and February 2012 Assessor's Reports
2. Consumer Price Index from Bureau of Labor Statistics
3. Delta County Township Association meeting minutes from 01/26/2012

Moved B. Charles, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to acknowledge consent agenda.

Jolie from C2 Group, a multi media organization, discussed web page options for the township. Costs would be roughly about \$8,000 for development and training.

She also offered to work with us on putting a web page together with resources from other places that would be more in our budget range, such as using a free website and utilizing the Bay College students.

## **WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

Received the February 2012 Water Report.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to accept the Water Report.

Delor discussed adding PSI and wheel chart on monthly water report.

The Geothermal quote will not be available until March 15.

Charlie updated on MEDC mediation. There are no answers yet and possible more mediation.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Received the Fireman's February 2012, Maintenance Reports, Treasurer's Report ending February 29, 2012.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to accept the Fire Reports.

Fire Chief updates:

1. Noted several upcoming trainings.
2. Requested to purchase new fire truck.
3. Pancake breakfast and bake sale will be March 17.
4. Would like to add another officer to the fire department.

New officers were elected for the Volunteer Fire Department. Steve Nelson has stepped down from an Asst. Chief position. His position was changed to a Captain position and Matt Rian was elected and will be equipment officer. We created two Lieutenant Positions one of which Todd Holland will remain at and Chris Germain was elected to the second Lt. spot as Health and Safety Officer. Doug will remain as Training Officer as a Captain and Brian Nelson remains Assistant Chief. A change of By-Laws will be voted on at April business meeting then the new positions will take effect.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to accept a new structure to the fire department officers.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Charlie will Senator Casperson in regards to A5 road.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved D. Wellman, seconded C. Detiege, CARRIED, to pay bills from the General and Liquor Funds check #18465 to #18502 totaling \$13,638.89 and Water System Fund check #4843 to #4860 totaling \$42,016.06.

Discussed Cemetery Ordinance draft.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to approve line-item transfer \$3,100 from the Contingency Fund to the Supervisor for \$1,500, the Clerk for \$1,200, and the Fire Department for \$400.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to approve a 3% raise to all Ford River Township Board members.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to approve a 3% raise to the Township Trustees. Upon a roll call, the following voted:

Aye: D. Wellman, C. Detiege, and M. Wellman

Nay: None

Absent: B. Charles and G. Boudreau

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to approve a 3% raise to the Township Treasurer. Upon a roll call, the following voted:

Aye: C. Detiege, M. Wellman, and D. Wellman

Nay: None

Absent: B. Charles and G. Boudreau

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to approve a 3% raise to the Township Clerk. Upon a roll call, the following voted:

Aye: D. Wellman, M. Wellman, and C. Detiege

Nay: None

Absent: B. Charles and G. Boudreau

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to approve a 3% raise to the Township Supervisor. Upon a roll call, the following voted:

Aye: C. Detiege, M. Wellman, and D. Wellman

Nay: None

Absent: B. Charles and G. Boudreau

Charlie appointed Rachel Fontaine as is Deputy Supervisor.

Charlie will resign as Township Supervisor on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT**

Comment was suggested to raise Marvin Krause's wages as the Township Cemetery maintenance man.

Moved C. Detiege, seconded M. Wellman, CARRIED, to approve Charlie to write a letter to CUPPAD for support to get a Coastal Zone Management Grant.

Delor discussed Special Meeting Requirements.

Moved M. Wellman, seconded C. Detiege, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

  
Beth Charles, Clerk

3-13-12  
Approved: