

**Forsyth Township Board
Special Meeting
June 14, 2011
Gwinn Community Center (Clubhouse)**

Supervisor Minelli called the Special Meeting of the Forsyth Township board to order at 7:38 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Minelli, Clerk Filizetti-Hartzell, Treasurer Nordeen, Trustee Roberts.

Board Member Absent: Trustee Armatti.

Also Present: One township employee, Library Board, 3 employees of John Larson Architect, and one citizen

Agenda: Motion by Minelli, supported by Roberts approving the agenda with the following correction, move Library Information above Action Items. Motion carried.

Library Information: Library board was present as well as 3 employees of John Larson Architect and presented a slide show showing the proposed new library building. Discussion was made about the property by Gilbert School and the natural wood setting to incorporate and expand trails to the school and Tourist Park. Estimated cost for land and building is \$1.24 million with some furnishings incorporated into that total. Library has a savings fund and would use \$250,000 towards costs of new Library but is looking for how to apply for Grants as well as contacting USDA for interest rates. Talk also included potential millage for new site and building as well as general operating costs.

Treasurer Nordeen discussed the fact that most new Commercial buildings in Gwinn are staying with the historic look of Brick and asked if Brick was a possibility for the potential new Library.

Delegation of Treasurer Nordeen by Supervisor Minelli was made to verify who has to apply for USDA funding. Supervisor Minelli also designated Lynn Rodgers as the contact person for the Library Board regarding funding for new proposed Library.

Public Comment: Discussion was made that the proposed building is a beautiful building and it would enhance the community. As for the millage that would totally be up to the voters. Municipalities like a Town Center and Gwinn was designed as a Town Center and it now seems that local businesses are shying away from that concept and if the Library is built in the proposed location it would take away from the Town Center concept.

Library Board Adjourned at 8:37

ACTION ITEMS:

Firemen DNR Grant: Motion by Minelli, supported by Roberts to approve up to \$2,000 for the 50/50 Grant to purchase extrication equipment. Motion carried.

Sawyer Grant: Motion by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Nordeen to allow the flow of money, \$1,200, from Lowes for the Sawyer Grant, for five new bus stops with no cost to the township. Motion carried. Discussion made about who owns the current bus stop in front of Dr. Kroll's office.

Billing – TriCon Conference for Chris: Motion mad by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Minelli to approve funding for Chris to attend TriCon conference in Boston from September 13-16, 2011.

Adopt New Drug Policy: Tabled for more updates to the policy.

Closed Session to Discuss Union Negotiations: Motion by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Nordeen to enter into closed session at 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of Union contract negotiations. Roll call vote: Roberts – aye; Minelli – aye; Nordeen – aye; Filizetti-Hartzell – aye. Motion carried. Motion by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Nordeen to return to open session at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Supervisor Minelli adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Christina Denessen
Secretary
Forsyth Township

Closed Session