

Forsyth Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
Gwinn Clubhouse  
November 17, 2011

Supervisor Minelli called the regular meeting of the Forsyth Township Board to order at 6:38 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**Board Members Present:** Supervisor Minelli, Treasurer Nordeen & Trustee Armatti.

**Absent:** Clerk Filizetti-Hartzell, Trustee Roberts

**Also Present:** Attorney Kevin Koch, a number of interested citizens.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Nordeen, supported by Armatti to accept the September 6, 2011 and October 27, 2011 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Armatti, supported by Nordeen & unanimously carried to approve the November 17<sup>th</sup> agenda with the following additions: under Action Items – add BSA Software; under Action Items - add Resolution for Renaissance Zoning, add MCRC Update, add Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Under Discussion Items – add Petition on Sidewalks, under Correspondence add Clubhouse Concerns.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The following reports were accepted & placed on file: Ambulance, Assessing/Zoning, Library, Police Department, Senior Citizens Director & Treasurer's Report.

**Attorney's Report:** Inga case at Sawyer. Supreme Court has not accepted leave. Barriger deed has not arrived yet. Touisgnant now has \$5,000 in escrow. We now have the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> civil rights complaints. No news on the civil rights cases. Motion made by Armatti, supported by Nordeen to accept the \$5,000 in Touisgnant's escrow until 6/15/12.

**Approval of Bills & Vouchers:** Motion by Nordeen, supported by Armatti & unanimously carried approving bills in the amount of \$185,555.99 as presented along with voucher numbers 59038-59267& 1268-1270.

**Forsyth Township  
Bills to be Approved**

**17-Nov-11**

Vendor	Description	Amount
Airgas	Rentals-Public Works	14.32
Auto Value	Misc Parts & Supplies	351.03
Compudyne	Computer Repairs-Assessor's Office	187.50
Crossroads Truck Repair & Towing	Garbage Truck Repair	14,914.59
El-Com Services	New Police Car Equipment & Installation	6,478.42
GBS, Inc.	Election Supplies	74.00
Kevin Koch, PC	Attorney Fees	888.47
Larry's Family Foods	Supplies-Various Departments (July-Oct)	1,180.20
Lowe's	Banshee Street Park Supplies	41.76
M.J. Van Damme Trucking, Inc.	Gravel	5,150.00
Marquette County Road Commission	Paving-Serenity Drive	136,478.29
Menards	Street Light Repair	65.99
ModelTown Express	Gasoline-Water, Parks & Cemetery	138.24
MTA	Conference-Roberts, Nordeen, Denessen	750.00
Quill Corporation	Office Supplies-DPW, Office & EMS	607.76
R.G. Custom Masonry	Curbing at Clubhouse	2,150.00
Range Telecommunications	Miss Dig Services	18.50
Snyders	Supplies-Police	94.65
State of Michigan	Campground License Renewal	82.00
State of Michigan	Community Public Water Supply Annual Fee	945.85
The Mining Journal	Publication-Zoning	63.30
The Office Planning Group	Staples for Copier-Office	6.83
The Window Store	Office Door Parts	137.00
<b>Tritech Software Systems</b>	<b>Annual Ambulance Billing Software Support</b>	<b>4,391.99</b>
		<b>175,210.69</b>

**Forsyth Township  
Bills to be Approved**

**Additions**

**17-Nov-11**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ace Hardware	Misc Supplies	187.84
Airgas	Rental-EMS	69.75
Aramark Uniform Services	Carpet/Uniform Service	632.86
City of Marquette	Water Analysis	60.00
Compudyne	Computer Repairs-Police	150.00
Dalco	Building Supplies-Clubhouse	493.64
Global Plastic Sheeting, Inc.	Ice Rink Liners	1,005.00
Joe & Sons Service Center LLC	Tire Changes-Police	56.00
Johnson's Printing	Statements, Letterhead, Envelopes	663.35
Marquette County Road Commission	Addition to Road Bill on Original Bill List	70.35
Marquette General Health Systems	EMS Supplies	2,144.35
Menards	Election Supplies	22.82
Neil's Trucking & Excavating	Transfer Station Trucking	1,450.00
NVB Playgrounds, Inc.	Chains for Swings-Banshee Park	144.20
Pomasl Fire Equipment	Bunker Gear	1,303.69
Quill Corporation	Office Supplies & Equipment	252.30
Signs Unlimited	New Police Car Graphics	465.00
State of Michigan	EMS License Application Fee	150.00
Subway	Election Lunches	52.50
Superior Lock & Security	Additional Security Monitor at Clubhouse	416.70
The Mining Journal	Publication	434.45
UP Engineers & Architects	Comprehensive Plan Update	81.00
UPPCO	New Service-Pine Street	39.50
		<b>10,345.30</b>
	<b>Original Bill Listing</b>	<b>175,210.69</b>
	<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>185,555.99</b>

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 59038-59267  
Tax Numbers: 1268-1270

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**New Depositories:** Motion by Nordeen, supported by Armatti to amend the Township's Investment Policy to include Northern Michigan Bank & Trust, Peninsula Bank and Range Bank as depositories for Forsyth Township. Motion carried.

**Tourist Park:** Motion made by Nordeen, supported by Armatti to accept UPEA as Project Engineer of the Tourist Park Project. Motion carried

**Clock Tower Project:** Motion was made by Nordeen, supported by Armatti that the Board restates it's position to continue to support the Clock Restoration Project. Motion carried. Discussion continued that the Board will look at the upcoming budget to see if funds are available for this project. Motion carried.

**800 MHz Radio for Sara Turay – EMS:** Tabled to determine if other radios are available for EMS personnel no longer going on runs.

**BSA Software:** Motion made by Nordeen, supported by Armatti to approve the \$1,000 for BSA software to be moved from standalone version to network version. Motion carried.

**Resolution for Renaissance Zoning:** Motion made by Nordeen, supported by Armatti to approve Resolution as it reads. Roll Call Vote – Minelli – aye, Nordeen – aye, Armatti – aye, all in favor, motion carried.

State of Michigan  
County of Marquette  
Township of Forsyth

**RESOLUTION GRANTING FORSYTH TOWNSHIP PERMISSION TO  
EXTEND RENAISSANCE ZONE TIME DURATION**

At a special meeting of the Forsyth Township Board, County of Marquette, Michigan, held on November 12, 2011, at the Forsyth Township Public Safety Building.

PRESENT: Jane Nordeen, Joe Minelli, Judith Roberts, Neil Armatti

ABSENT: Bonnie Filizetti-Hartzell

The following Resolution was offered by Trustee Jane Nordeen , and supported by Trustee Neil Armatti.

**Whereas**, the K.I. Sawyer Renaissance Zone is currently designated as a Renaissance Zone pursuant to Public Act 376 of 1996; and,

**Whereas**, this Renaissance Zone subzone is slated to expire in 2014; and,

**Whereas**, the Michigan Renaissance Zone Act, 1996 PA 376, has been amended by 2006 PA 440 to permit extending the duration of time for one or more portions of a Renaissance Zone; and,

**Whereas**, Discovery Air Technical Services, a Michigan-based company, intends to lease Hangar 663, located on property known as Parcel AL-38 in the K.I. Sawyer Renaissance Zone; and,

**Whereas**, Discovery Air Technical Services has requested that the Renaissance Zone on its proposed property/location be extended in duration by an additional seven years so that the new expiration date would be December 31, 2018; and,

**Whereas**, the extension of the Renaissance Zone duration on Discovery Air Technical Services property is necessary to increase economic development and expand business and employment opportunities in the Township of Forsyth and the surrounding communities for years to come; and,

**Whereas**, the County of Marquette, is the 'qualified local governmental unit' that originally applied for the K.I. Sawyer Renaissance Zone designation; and,

**Whereas**, the Township of Forsyth requests that the County of Marquette apply for a seven-year time extension for Hangar 663, located on a piece of property known as Parcel AL-38 that Discovery Air Technical Services intends to lease in the K.I. Sawyer Renaissance Zone.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the land described by the legal description as attached shall be granted a Renaissance Zone time extension with various state, local, and county taxes being waived on the property for a period of seven (7) years beginning January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2018.

Upon a vote for the adoption of said Resolution, the vote was:

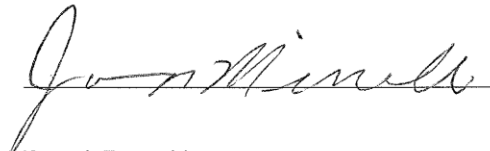
YEAS: Jane Nordeen, Joe Minelli, Judith Roberts, Neil Armatti

NAYS: N/A

This Resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

Signed:

Date:

 11.17.2012

Forsyth Township

**Legal Description  
for  
Parcel AL-38; Hangar 663**

A parcel of land situate and being in the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 35 and the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, T46N-R25W, Sands Township, Marquette County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the East Quarter Corner of Section 35, T46N-R25W, which is an aluminum Marquette County survey monument as recorded in Liber R1, Page 231 at the Marquette County Register of Deeds, thence N00°42'06"E, 1024.60 feet along the East Line of said Section 35 to a set 5/8 inch capped iron which is the Pointe of Beginning:

Thence N07°36'29"E, 321.88 feet to a set 5/8 inch capped iron on the Southerly Right-of-Way of Fifth Street, Part 1, (66' R/W), thence N80°45'41"W, 39.14 feet along said Southerly Right-of-Way to a set 5/8 inch capped iron at the intersection of said Southerly Right-of-Way with the East Line of said Section 35, thence continuing N80°45'41"W, 245.04 feet along said Southerly Right-of-Way to a set 5/8 inch capped iron, thence S09°14'27"W, 321.90 feet to a set 5/8 inch capped iron, thence S80°47'25"E, 293.36 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said parcel contains 2.13 Acres, more or less.

Subject, however, to any restrictions, reservations, exceptions, easements or conditions which may be contained in prior conveyances of record regarding the said premises in the office of the Register of Deeds for Marquette County.

Note: All set capped irons are stamped Neil J. Lynch Professional Surveyor PS 41918.

**MCRC Update** – Minelli stated the Township saved almost \$20,000 on the Serenity Drive project.

**Medical Marijuana Ordinance**: Motion made by Armatti, supported by Nordeen to adopt the Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Kevin Koch will have it published in the Mining Journal. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Michigan Economic Vitality Incentive Program** – Lynn Rodgers asked the Board for input on the consolidation/cooperation/collaboration category. She presented the Board with a list of what she has so far. Suggestions included were made to possibly include Banshee Park on Sawyer to consolidate with West Branch, the Salvation Army Building that incorporates Marquette County, Ski Hill possibly working with West Branch to reopen, or even a Recreational Plan for combined Townships, including the skating rink, Heritage Trail System could be included as well as the Lake on KI Sawyer. Ball fields that are in process at Sawyer to include West Branch teams. Community Garden could be included with West Branch.

**Fire Bill**: Discussion regarding dismissing a fire bill for Family Homes & Properties, LLC. Determination was made that this is a valid bill since there was ventilation performed due to gas smell and leak.

**Petition on Sidewalks**: Discussion regarding snow removal on Pine Street. Residents turned in a petition to the Township regarding snow being placed in their yards, as well as dirt, sand, etc. Minelli stated that the snow will be blown to the left, towards the road, and when the banks got too high they would then remove by truck.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Letter of Appreciation**: Len Fowler wrote a letter of appreciation noting Officer Brian Kjellin for his quick response and actions in a structure fire in Princeton in November, 2011.

**Clubhouse Concerns**: The Board received a letter signed from various seniors from Clubhouse regarding the decision made to do the sidewalks, curbs and trees at the clubhouse before considering doing the windows to have saved heating costs. Minelli stated that the Township is in the process of getting bids for window replacements for the Clubhouse as well as the Township Office.

**Public Comment**: Ed Thompson stated the wish for new voting district at Sawyer. Currently there are 1227 registered voters in Little Lake Precinct; only 360 of those voters live in Little Lake with the remaining residing on Sawyer.

Questions arose regarding Tousignant property clean up as well as Westman's property clean up. Attorney Koch restated that we have \$5000 in escrow until 6/12 for Tousignant property and that Westman was on the top of his list.

Chuck Truitt stated the new light at Nordeen Park East is up and the ice rink is ready to go.

Howard Braemer stated he hopes to see by the next election a new precinct on Sawyer and asked the Board to make that a top priority.



**Board Member Comment:** Minelli stated we would probably need an easement for the water upgrades. Supervisor Minelli called for a five minute break at 8:30 p.m. with the meeting resuming at 8:35 p.m.

**Closed Session:** Motion by Nordeen, supported by Armatti to go into closed session at 8:35 p.m., at the request of Assessing/Zoning Administrator Henry DeGroot, to negotiate his contract. Roll call vote: Minelli – aye; Armatti – aye; Nordeen – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Nordeen, supported by Armatti to return to open session at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Minelli adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Denessen  
Secretary