

**Forsyth Township Board
Regular Meeting
Emergency Service Building
July 26, 2012**

Clerk Filizetti-Hartzell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present/Absent: Supervisor Minelli absent, Clerk Filizetti-Hartzell present, Treasurer Nordeen present, Trustee Roberts absent, and Trustee Armatti present.

Also Present: Attorney Kevin Koch, a number of Township employees and interested citizens.

Approval of Minutes – June 28, 2012: Treasurer Nordeen requested the minutes be corrected. On the last page the correction should read: Ms. DeMars temporary employment expired and she reimbursed the township the \$215.00, at this meeting, June 28, 2012. Motion by Armatti, to approve minutes with correction, supported by Nordeen and unanimously carried.

Public Comment: Comments received: Cheryl Hill announced she was running for Probate Judge and gave a brief description of what the job would entail. She also stated she had 25 years of experience, was a resident of Marquette, and had a 100% success rate with the appeals portion of her job. She also stated she was involved in opening a daycare at Sawyer.

Agenda: Motion by Nordeen, supported by Armatti & unanimously carried approving the agenda with the following additions: under Action Items, add 10 b. Ambulance Carpet and Resignation; 10 e. Ambulance Bill; 10 f. Tousignant Money and Trust.

Department Reports: Motion by Nordeen, supported by Armatti and unanimously carried to accept and place on file the following department reports: Ambulance, Assessing/Zoning, Fire Department, Library, and Treasurer's Report. No reports were received from the Clubhouse, Police Department, Parks Committee, Public Works Department, or Senior Citizens Director.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Koch stated the MediRide case was to go to the 2nd pretrial in September. The Buchler pretrial is set for August 27, 2012 in which the trial date will be made. The Denessen pretrial is coming up. Attorney Koch will call Attorney Hill's office tomorrow for an update on the status. Regarding the Tribunal Appeals, Koch has received the Appraiser estimate for Closser, but is still waiting for the estimate from Frischman. He stopped by Tousignant's place and stated it was 95% improved. Some items neatly piled, most in hut, tires are going soon. Koch recommends releasing the \$5,000.00 in trust. Treasurer Nordeen asked what is the 5% left, compared to an average person? Koch stated it was hard to compare, but per the ordinance, it is acceptable. The stuff that is currently on site, does have some value. Clerk Filizetti-Hartzell requested that Koch and DeGroot go back to check on the site. Koch agreed he and DeGroot would revisit site.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Nordeen, supported by Armatti and unanimously carried to approve bills, (\$98,641.57), and vouchers as presented.

**Forsyth Township
Bills to be Approved**

26-Jul-12

Vendor	Description	Amount
Airgas	Supplies-EMS & Public Works	16.79
Anderson Communications	Charger & Batteries-Fire	368.70
Aramark Uniform Service	Carpet & Uniform Service	1,077.23
Barco Products	Pet Waste Dispensers-Park	641.19
Cattron's Lumber	Supplies-Tourist Park Project	219.94
City of Marquette	Water Analysis	60.00
Compudyne	Computer Service	75.00
County of Marquette-Resource Management	Base Map-Police	25.00
Dalco	Clubhouse Building Supplies	307.12
Drug Screen Plus	Employee Screening	49.00
Fred Rubber's Stamp	Stamp	29.76
Gwinn-Sawyer Area Chamber of Commerce	Annual Dues	80.00
Hannula Agency	Firefighters Insurance Renewal	1,486.00
Johnson's Printing Service	Statements-Trans Station	312.96
JT Motor Sport	Tap Die Set-Shop	349.68
Kevin Wm Koch, PC	Attorney Fees	2,554.87
Kim Davis	Chain Sharpening & Chain - Fire	305.45
Lowe's	Public Works & Park Supplies	824.89
Marquette County Equalization Department	GIS Parcel Layer Info-Assessing	650.00
Marquette County Raod Commission	Street Signs	147.15
Marquette Fence Company	Fire Signs	935.00
Marquette Machining & Fabricating	Supplies-DPW, Parks, Office	436.56
MAS&B LLC	ACTIVE Car Repairs Supplies-Clubhouse, Tourist Park Project,	249.17
Menards	Office, Shop	1,930.19
Michigan Police Equipment	Ammunition	506.80
Michigan Sales	Mower & Chainsaw Parts	459.49
Michigan Works	Applicant Testing	208.00
Midway Rentals	Gas Cans	671.16
Modeltown Express	Gas	179.39
Nip & Tuck Alterations	Uniform Alterations-Police	12.00
Peninsula Glass	Glass Repairs	413.23
Pomasl Fire Equipment	Parts-Fire	163.61
Pomp's	Tire-Fire	155.68
Quill	Office Equipment & Supplies-Various Departments	779.89
Range Telecommunications	Radios & Repairs-Fire; Miss Dig Services	9,001.40
Roland Machinery	Backhoe Parts	58.94
Sherwin Williams	Paint for Fences	182.36

Signs Unlimited	ACTIVE Van Lettering	300.00
Snyders	Supplies-Police, Parks, Beautification	176.92
The Mining Journal	Publications	174.00
UPEA	Engineering-Water Project	2,070.53
V. Groos & Co	Backhoe Repair	158.80
VFW	Band for Street Dance	500.00
Wolverine Door Service	Door Switch-Office	7.85
		29,311.70

**Forsyth Township
Bills to be Approved
Additions
26-Jul-12**

Vendor	Purpose	Amount
Ace Hardware	Misc. Supplies	1,691.39
Ahern	Fire Extinguisher Pressure Checks-Fire	146.45
Airgas	EMS Supplies	53.84
Anderson Communications	Batteries & Radio Repairs-EMS & Fire	1,011.00
Beauchamp Plumbing & Heating	Thermostat-Police	82.99
Cooper Office Equipment	Copier Agreement-Senior Center	28.94
Darley	Valve-Fire Department	1,284.13
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Supplies	1,101.98
Johnson Printing	Envelopes	177.23
KI Sawyer Heritage Air Museum	Room Rental	25.00
Marquette County Equalization Department	Tax Bills & Rolls	10,589.32
Marquette General Health Systems	EMS Supplies	120.60
Mediride	Intercepts	12,478.91
Menards	Building Supplies	2.76
Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police	Annual Membership Dues	115.00
Northern Michigan University	Training-Police	280.00
Pomasl Fire Equipment Inc.	Bunker Boots-Fire	181.84
Quill	Office Equipment & Supplies-Office, Assessing	499.62
Rodney's Pizza	Pizza for Intergenerational Party	84.84
Sun Trust	Fire Truck Payment	39,049.54
The Office Planning Group	Copier Agreement-Office	8.54
Witmer Public Safety Group	Fire Equipment	315.95
		69,329.87
Original Bill Listing		29,311.70
Total Accounts Payable		98,641.57

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 60842-61100

ACTION ITEMS:

Public Works: Bids were received from Broadway Automotive for \$1,704.35, Napa of Marquette for \$2,119.00, and CarQuest of Marquette for \$2,217.71. Motion by Nordeen, supported by Armatti, to purchase a replacement engine for the 1991 GMC truck from Broadway in the amount of \$1,704.35. Motion carried.

Ambulance Carpet & Resignation: Motion by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Nordeen, for removal of the carpet in the Emergency Services Building office, with EMS personnel present. Motion carried. Motion by Nordeen, supported by Filizetti-Hartzell, to accept Kary Sheldon's resignation with deep regret. Motion carried.

Fire Equipment New Equipment: Motion by Nordeen, supported by Filizetti-Hartzell, to purchase Pump Test and DOT, Storz fitting, attack line and 5 face shields, not to exceed \$3,780.00, per Lynn checking of availability of funds. Motion carried.

Fire Personnel: Motion by Nordeen, supported by Armatti, to accept Myron Hillock's resignation for retirement. He will be put on the reserve list, but will continue to remain the NIMs coordinator. The board will send Hillock a letter of appreciation for 16 ½ years of service and a Certificate of Service. Motion carried.

Assessing/Zoning Department New Copier: Motion by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Armatti, to purchase a new copier/scanner/printer from OPG in the amount of \$2,345.00. Motion carried.

Ambulance Bill: Motion by Filizetti-Hartzell, supported by Nordeen, to table the Danny Davis Ambulance bill, pending more information. Motion carried.

Tousignant Money & Trust: Motion by Armatti, supported by Nordeen, to return the \$5,000.00 in trust for the clean-up of Tousignant's site. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Letter of Support for Renewable Carbon Project: James Mennell requested a letter of support for Biogenic Reagents' Michigan Renewable Carbon project. After brief discussion of the board members present, it was recognized that there was not enough information available to make a decision to write the letter of recommendation. Nordeen and Filizetti-Hartzell agreed to table until further information was available. It was further recognized that there should be a correction of the spelling of Forsyth before the letter is written.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no discussion on this topic.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Biosolids Application: This has already been completed, so there was no discussion on this topic.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cheryl Hill passed out literature to all persons present. She also described the support she had from the community. She asked that we vote for her for Probate Judge.

Janette Maki stated that there were 55 spots filled in the parade for Saturday, which makes it one of the larger parades Gwinn has had. She described a few participants and reminded the community present that the parade started at 10:00 a.m.

Another resident mentioned the Lion's Club car show at the High School.

A resident let the board know that UPPCO was working on the lights in Little Lake. Filizetti-Hartzell also commented on someone planting flowers in Little Lake.

Koch stated that the sign on M-35 past Little Lake was in need of attention. It is looking weathered.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Treasurer Nordeen stated that the child care center at the Sawyer school was on a first come, first serve basis. They are accepting infants and up.

She also stated that the Fire Department was marching in the tournament, that we give them good wishes, and that they will hopefully have a 3rd year win.

Adjournment: Clerk Filizetti-Hartzell adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Filizetti
Clerk/Secretary