

**Forsyth Township Board
Regular Meeting
Emergency Services Building
July 24, 2014**

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

Board Members Present: Clerk Nordeen, Treasurer Roberts, Trustee Adams and Trustee Bodenus

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Minelli, excused.

Also Present: Interim Police Chief Adam LaFave, Fire Captain Don Eplett, Public Works Superintendent Eric Jancsi, UPEA Representative Ben Banfield, Steve Rodgers, Carl Bryzek, a number of township employees and concerned citizens.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Adams, supported by Bodenus, to approve the minutes for the July 3, 2014 Special Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Carl Bryzek voiced his support for Tim Rector. Interim Chief LaFave read a letter he presented to the Board concerning the progress taking place at the Forsyth Township Police Department. Steve Rodgers supported Tim Rector and questioned the Board on the Open Meetings Act concerning his recent Freedom of Information Act request. UPEA Representative Ben Banfield updated the Board on the Parking Lot renovations at the Clubhouse.

Agenda: Motion by Adams, supported by Bodenus, to approve the agenda with the following changes: **Remove: 10n. Advertise for a Chief of Police, 10p. Appoint Fire Department Liaisons. Add: 10q. Police Dept – Approve Radio for New Charger for \$3,800.00, 10s. Boy Scout Jacob Brinker, 10t. YMCA Monica Nelson, 10u. Clerk in the Absence of the Supervisor.** Motion carried.

Department Reports: The following reports were accepted and placed on file: Ambulance, Senior Citizens, Fire Department, Library, Police Department, and General Operating Financial Report. Reports not filed: Assessing/Zoning, Public Works Department, KI Sawyer Community Center and Parks Committee. UPEA Representative, Ben Banfield, gave an oral report on the Water Project.

Motion by Adams to Authorize Attorney Koch to threaten condemnation of property to create the property for the water project. No support. Motion failed.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Koch informed the Board that two of the Zoning Violation were being dismissed. Beaudette applied for permit, dismissing the case. He stated that he expected the same results from the Johnson case. There is a Bench Warrant for Kanerva regarding his Miscellaneous Debris citation. Attorney Koch has had no response on the Vultaggio violation and has a default pending. Manninen has a default, which he will request to be enforced. He presented the Board with information regarding the Open Meetings Act outlining the hiring process.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Roberts, supported by Bodenus, to approve bills and vouchers totaling, \$60,216.05, as presented. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township
Bills For Approval
7/24/14**

Vendor	Description	Amount
Ahern	Extinguisher Service	54.15
Airgas	Gas and Cylinder Rental	85.14
Aramark	Carpet and Uniform Service	1,334.98
Auto Value	Parts for Various Departments	2,038.13
Avery Color Studio	Clock Tower Books	698.00
Beauchamp Plumbing & Heating	Tourist Park	23.98
City of Marquette	Bacteriological Analysis	80.00
Clarey's Safety Concepts	FD Mask Bags	286.93
Compudyne	Computer Support	495.00
Cuppad	2015 Dues	1,233.00
Dalco	Clubhouse & Park Supplies	682.80
Del Fab	Clock Tower Parts	376.40
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Medical Supplies	1,003.34
Galls	PD Medical and Uniform Supplies	642.20
Iron Bay Computer	Domain Registration	209.95
Jerry's Small Engine Supply	Parts for Mower	42.36
Kevin Koch PC	Attorney Fees	2,477.17
DLP Marquette General	Ambulance Supplies	695.25
Marquette Machining & Fabricating	Clock Tower Parts	173.20
Menards	Supplies for Various Depts	966.70
Michigan Public Safety Comm.	Radios for PD, FD, EMS, and Emergency Manage.	10,143.33
Michigan Sales	Kubota Parts	57.10
Midway Rentals	Supplies for PW	96.90
North Country Septic	Portable Restroom - July	95.00
Northern Michigan Public Service	Office Training	75.00
NMU Public Safety Institute	PD Training	316.00
Pomasl Fire Equipment	Fire Equipment	14,164.40
Quill	Supplies for Various Depts	785.22
Range Telecommunications	Miss Dig Calls	22.25
Roy's Grading	Baseball Diamond Grading	110.00
Sim Supply	Emergency Services Bldg Supplies	97.80
Suburban Propane	Propane Emergency Bldg	80.17
Standard Electric	Street Lights	422.57
State of Michigan	Boiler Inspections	750.00
Snyder Drug	Supplies for Various Depts	282.90

Sun Badge	PD Uniforms	421.50
The Mining Journal	Publishing	1,244.65
		42,763.47

**Forsyth Township
Additional Bills For Approval
7/24/14**

Vendor	Description	Amount
Ace Hardware	Supplies for Various Depts	1,952.97
Beauchamp Plumbing & Heating	Tourist Park Valve/Boiler Repairs	589.66
Elcom Systems	PD Light Bar	233.91
Galls	PD Uniforms and Supplies	633.60
GBS	Election Supplies	196.61
Holiday Cleaners	PD Uniform Service	93.17
Johnson's Printing	PD Letterhead	108.00
JRS	FD Equipment Maintenance	300.00
Menards	Supplies for Various Depts	109.51
Postmaster	Postage for Newsletter	80.75
Petty Cash	Clocktower Change	100.00
Quill	Office Supplies	87.96
The Office Planning Group	Copier Maintenance	395.46
UPEA	Water Project Engineering	12,570.98
		17,452.58
	Original Bill Listing	42,763.47
	Total Accounts Payable	60,216.05

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 66253-66474
Voucher Numbers for Tax

ACTION ITEMS:

SAW Grant (10a.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by Roberts, to approve the Agreement for the Provision of Limited Professional Services, regarding the SAW Grant, from UPEA as presented. Motion carried.

Fire Dept - Resignation (10b.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to approve the resignation of Ryan Setter, with regret, from the Forsyth Township Fire Department. Motion carried.

Fire Dept – New Hires (10c.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to approve hiring Becky Barrett, Joe Barrett, and Joe Ferriter as Forsyth Township Firefighters. Motion carried.

Fire Dept – Pump and Ladder Testing and Purchase Platform (10d and 10e.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the Pump and Ladder testing and the purchase of a Ross Platform totaling \$3,300.00. Discussion ensued. Trustee Adams asked Captain Eplett to explain a Ross Platform. It is the platform that mounts to the top of a ladder to safely cut roofs during a fire. Motion carried.

AT&T Permit (10f.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension for AT&T as presented. Discussion ensued. Attorney Koch explained the document and that it was standard. Motion carried.

Police Dept – New Hire Testing (10g.): Motion by Adams, supported by Bodenus, to approve psychological evaluation testing for new hire police officer. Discussion ensued. The Board asked Interim Police Chief LaFave to check into local testing, as the expenses for travel could be extensive. Motion amended by Adams, support amended by Bodenus, to postpone for more information. Motion carried.

Police Dept – Evidence Room Remodel (10h.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to approve remodeling the Evidence Room, totaling \$4,000.00, to meet evidentiary rules and regulations. Discussion ensued. This amount is for materials only, as Public Works will be doing the labor. Trustee Bodenus questioned the time involved and if it may be a better option to hire a contracting crew. Superintendent of Public Works Jancsi stated the department would have the time to do the remodel. Deputy Rodgers explained the remodel was not budgeted. Motion carried.

Police Dept – Purchase Modem (10i.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve purchasing modems for the police patrol vehicles totaling \$ 3,165.17. Motion carried.

Police Dept – Donate Bikes (10j.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve donating the bikes located in the Police Department Property Room to licensed state charitable organizations. Motion carried.

Police Dept – New Hire (10k.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to postpone until next meeting. Motion carried.

Assessing/Zoning – Purchase GIS Parcel Map (10l.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve purchasing GIS Parcel Maps for the Assessing and Zoning office for \$650.00. Motion carried.

EMS – New Hire (10m.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to approving hiring Matt Sirtola as a new EMS personnel. Motion carried.

MTA Training (10o.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to approve MTA Training for any township employee that is able to go during August 27th through August 28th MTA U.P. Summit. Motion carried.

Police Dept – Approve Radio for New Charger (10q.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the purchase of an 800 MHz radio for 2014 Dodge Charger Police Patrol Vehicle for \$3,800.00. Motion carried.

Boy Scout Jacob Brinker (10s.): Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve Jacob Brinker improving the trail to Second Falls, working toward his Eagle Scout Rank. Discussion ensued. There was

questions regarding Liability Insurance. There was comment on the various things in the community the Boy Scouts have successfully completed. Motion carried.

YMCA Monica Nelson (10t.): Monica Nelson, YMCA Representative, explained a recent grant she received, which could be used at the newly open KI Sawyer Community Center. It could range from supplies, to actual payroll reimbursements. Research needs to be completed. No action taken.

Clerk in the Absence of Supervisor (10u.): Due to the Supervisor's absences, motion by Adams to compensate the Clerk to be in the office to assist staff 4 hours a day at \$10.00 per hour. No support. Motion failed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Carl Bryzek (11a.): Mr. Bryzek requested that the former Chief of Police, Tim Rector, be reinstated on a temporary basis to assist in hiring his replacement. The police department is short staffed and is need of hiring. He commented that Interim Chief LaFave is doing a good job, but is inexperienced.

National Night Out (11b.): Clerk Nordeen commented on the National Night Out to be held on Thursday August 7th at 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. It will be at the Gwinn Community Center. There will be food, fun, and free school supplies. She has gone in the past and welcomed all the Board Members to attend.

OLD BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Public Comment: Mr. Bryzek commented on the lack of experience the Board has on the hiring needs of the Police Department. The Police Department should have say in who should be hired as the new Police Chief. Mr. Rodgers commented on the lack of transparency of the Board. He announced he would be running as a Trustee on the next ballot. Mrs. Johnson questioned the bus used by the Fire Department.

Board Member Comment: The Board thanked the public for coming. Trustee Bodenus commented on the recent survey regarding the Little Lake Post Office. He strongly suggested that citizens complete the survey and attend a meeting at the Little Lake Chapel on the 27th.

Adjournment: Clerk Nordeen adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Filizetti
Clerk/Secretary

Jane Nordeen
Forsyth Township Clerk