

**Forsyth Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
Gwinn Community Center  
November 17, 2016**

Supervisor Minelli called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Attorney Kevin Koch, UPEA Representatives Matt Treado, Michigan State Auditor Brenda Gartland, USW Union Staff Representative Chris Haddock, a number of township employees and concerned citizens.

**Audit Presentation:** Michigan State Auditor, Brenda Gartland, referenced the Report on Financial Statements given to the Board Members in their Board Packets. Mrs. Gartland pointed out key findings in the report. She complimented Staff, Department Heads and Board Members for the successful audit.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Nordeen, supported by Roberts, to approve the Minutes for October 27, 2016 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

**Agenda:** Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the agenda with the following additions: **11g.** Fire Truck **11h.** A&M Properties, **11i.** KI Sawyer Community Center – Ice Rink. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Carl Bryzek commented on the acoustics of the room, property taxes and the President Elect. Pat Anderegg commented on reading meter pits and the Planning and Zoning meetings for Ordinances.

**Department Reports:** The following reports were accepted and placed on file: Ambulance, Assessing/Zoning, Senior Citizens Director, Library, Police Department and General Operating Financial Report. Reports not filed: Fire Department, Public Works, KI Sawyer Community Center and Parks Committee. UPEA Representative Matt Treado was present, answering questions regarding the Water and Sewer Project.

**Attorney's Report:** Attorney Koch informed the Board that the Family Homes property clean-up is continuing and that recurring issues may happen. One of the five County tax appeals could not be seen in small claims. There will be a meeting in November regarding the landfill issues. He strongly advised a Board Member attending the meeting. Supervisor Elect, Joe Boogren, will attend the meeting. Trustee Adams commented on the status of A&M Properties.

**Approval of Bills & Vouchers:** Motion by Roberts, supported by Nordeen, to approve the bills and vouchers totaling \$53,822.23. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township  
Bills For Approval  
11/17/16**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Airgas	PW Cylinder Rentals	51.12
American Planning Assoc	AZ Newsletter Renewal	60.00
American Welding & Gas	EMS Oxygen	119.77
Auto Value	Parts for Various Depts	308.40
BS&A	Tax Annual Service	1,035.00
Compudyne	Computer Support for Various Depts	1,277.48
Elcom Systems	PD Service Agreement	77.00
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Medical Supplies	392.49
Fox Marquette	PW Parts	67.78
Froberg's Clothing	PW Safety Boots	138.88
Ginop Sales	PW Kubota Parts	61.38
H&L Mesabi	PW Parts	363.00
Jerry Small Engine	PW Parts	56.87
Joe & Son's Service	PW/PD Tire Changes	282.00
Joyce Styer	SC Birthday Cake	25.00
Kevin Koch PC	Attorney Fees	2,821.87
Leutz Sign	Lagoon Sign	600.00
Marquette Embroidery	PD Uniform Repair	72.96
Marquette County Fire Fighters Assoc	FD Enrollment Fee	60.00
Menards	Supplies for Various Depts	809.35
Menominee Granite Co	Memorial Brick	20.86
Michigan State Firemen's Assoc	FD Membership Dues	75.00
Midway Rentals	PW Parts	109.07
Miracle	Playground Equip	10,951.00
North Country Septic	Portable Restrooms	120.00
Northern Michigan University	PD Training	240.00
OK Industrial	PW Parts	38.07
Planning & Zoning Center	AZ Subscription Renewal	185.00
Pomasl Fire Equip	FD Supplies	410.80
Pomps	PD Tires	487.16
Quill	Supplies for Various Depts	413.37
Range Telecommunications	Miss Dig	73.50
Sirchie	PD Evidence Supplies	147.10
Standard Electric	PW Parts	272.76
State of Michigan	PD/PW License Fees	2,938.78
Superior Electric	Bailer Repair	321.40

Superior Paving	Driveway Repair	3,025.00
The Mining Journal	Publishing	917.38
The Stitch Witch	PD Uniform Repair	15.90
UP Health System	EMS Medical Supplies	5.69
Vultaggio Services	KISCC Basketball Court	6,500.00
Winston Benz	SC Plowing	65.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,013.19</b>

**Forsyth Township  
Additional Bills For Approval  
11/17/16**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ace Hardware	Supplies Various Dept	341.63
Aramark	Carpet & Uniform Service	1,550.88
City of Marquette	Bacteriological Analysis	80.00
Compudyne	PD Computer Support	247.50
Dalco	Clubhouse Supplies	301.39
GBS	Election Supplies	840.00
Ginop	PW Kubota Parts	(61.38)
H&L Mesabi	PW Parts	-136.50
Joe & Sons Service	Tire Repair/Change	60.00
Kenneth Ketola	Boy Scout Bench Reimbursement	1,429.31
Menards	Supplies Various Dept	169.27
MML	Work Comp Audit	11,177.00
Pacific Telemanagement	Pay Phone	50.00
Petty Cash	Supplies Various Dept	81.18
Shell	PW Fuel	34.17
Snyder Drug	Supplies Various Dept	120.59
UPEA	Water/KISCC Engineering	1,117.00
US Postal Service	SC Postage	47.00
White Water Assoc	Water Analysis	360.00
		<b>17,809.04</b>
	<b>Original Bill Listing</b>	<b>36,013.19</b>
	<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>53,822.23</b>

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 72744-72935  
Voucher Numbers for Tax 1662-1672  
Voucher Numbers for Sewer 1012-1013  
Voucher Numbers for Water 1020-21

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**MAAO Program (11a.):** Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve the Addendum to the Assessing/Zoning Services Contract, as presented. Motion carried.

**CVIP (11b.):** Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to approve the CVTRS Required Reports, as present. Motion carried.

**Health Care Resolution (11c.):** Motion by Bodenus, supported by Nordeen, to approve the Health Care Resolution Option – Exemption, as presented. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Clerk Nordeen – yes, Supervisor Minelli – yes. Motion carried.

**HEALTH CARE RESOLUTION OPTION - EXEMPTION**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL EXEMPTION OPTION AS SET FORTH IN  
2011 PUBLIC ACT 152, THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT**

**WHEREAS,** 2011 Public Act 152 (the “Act”) was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011;

**WHEREAS,** the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act;

**WHEREAS,** the three options are as follows:

- 1) Section 3 - “Hard Caps” Option - limits a public employer’s total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;
- 2) Section 4 - “80%/20%” Option - limits a public employer’s share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;
- 3) Section 8 - “Exemption” Option - a local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

**WHEREAS,** the Forsyth Township Board has decided to adopt the annual Exemption option as its choice of compliance under the Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Forsyth Township Board of Forsyth Township, Marquette County, elects to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual Exemption option for the Medical Benefit Plan coverage year January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes:  
Nays:  
Absent:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED NOVEMBER 17, 2016.

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Jane Nordeen, Forsyth Township Clerk

**Water Pay Resolution (11d.):** UPEA Representative, Matt Treado, presented the Board with a Progress Summary. He then gave an explanation of the documents provided to the Board. Motion by Roberts, supported by Bodenus, to approve the Resolution for payment of funds for the Forsyth Water System Improvements project, as presented. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Clerk Nordeen – yes, Supervisor Minelli – yes. Motion carried.

**Sewer Pay Resolution (11e.):** UPEA Representative, Matt Treado, gave an explanation of the documents provided to the Board. Motion by Roberts, supported by Bodenus, to approve the Resolution for payment of funds for the Forsyth Sewer System Improvements project, as presented. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Clerk Nordeen – yes, Supervisor Minelli – yes. Motion carried.

**Nonparticipating Pay Resolution (11f.):** UPEA Representative, Matt Treado, gave an explanation of the documents provided to the Board. Motion by Roberts, supported by Bodenus, to approve the Resolution for payment of funds for the Forsyth Township Non-Participating Project Funds, as presented. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Treasurer Roberts – yes, Clerk Nordeen – yes, Supervisor Minelli – yes. Motion carried.

**Fire Truck (11g.):** Trustee Adams questioned the purchase of a Fire Truck. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Minelli instructed Board Secretary Stacy Filizetti to write the Fire Chief a letter for an explanation of the purchase. This item will be revisited at next month's meeting. No action was taken.

**A&M Properties (11h.):** Motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to approve Attorney Koch going forward with legal action for the A&M Properties outstanding zoning violation. Discussion ensued. Motion amended by Adams, support amended Roberts, to have Attorney Koch write another letter to A&M Properties. Motion carried.

**KI Sawyer Community Center – Ice Rink (11i.):** Clerk Nordeen explained the quote for the ice rink repairs and that the tribe had donated money for the repairs. Discussion ensued. Motion by Bodenus, supported by Roberts, to approve the NiceRink quote for the KI Sawyer Center Ice Rink, not to exceed \$1200.00. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**Public Comment:** Trustee Adams thanked Trustee Bodenus, Clerk Nordeen and Supervisor Minelli for their service. Supervisor Minelli thanked the Board and the Public for their input during the meetings. Clerk Nordeen thanked the Public for their support. Trustee Bodenus thanked the public for letting him serve the community. Chief Warchock thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to serve our community. Gerrienne Zaborowske-Kangas commented on the blacktop at the Police Station. Joe Boogren thanked the Board and commented on the allure of the community. Mr. Boogren also announced that he would be appointing Supervisor Minelli as his Deputy Supervisor for a 6 month period, possibly longer. He asked Attorney Koch to research the possibility of using part of his salary to hire Supervisor Minelli. John Macario commented on the condition of Iron Street. Donna Adams, Library Board President, stated the Library Board was one member short. If anyone is interested, they should turn in a Letter of Interest by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Pat Anderegg thanked the Board, commented on the safety of shooting ranges and the Clerk working at the KI Sawyer Community Center. Pat Johnson commented on the Gwinn United Methodist Church's parking lot and alley. Treasurer Roberts stated it was a pleasure working with the current Board Members and welcomed the new members.

***Supervisor Minelli called for a short break at 7:34 pm***

***Supervisor Minelli called the meeting back to order at 7:41 pm***

At 7:41 pm, motion by Bodenus, supported by Nordeen, to go into Closed Session for Collective Bargaining. Motion carried.

At 8:18 pm, motion by Bodenus, supported by Nordeen, to come out of Closed Session. Motion carried.

At 8:18 pm, Bookkeeper Rodgers, USW Staff Representative Haddock, and USW Steward Johnson reentered the room.

At 8:18 pm, motion by Bodenus, supported by Nordeen to rescind the motion to come out of Closed Session. Motion carried.

At 8:23 pm, motion by Adams, supported by Roberts, to come out of Closed Session. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, based on a letter received from USW Staff Representative Chris Haddock, a previous reclassification was done on a one-time basis and would not support any changes of job descriptions at this time, only at contract negotiations. Motion carried 3-2.

Supervisor Minelli commented on certificates used as incentive for pay increases. Supervisor Minelli questioned the Union on a counter offer. Attorney Koch interjected. Discussion ensued.

At 8:33 pm, motion by Minelli, supported by Nordeen, to go into Closed Session for Contract Negotiations. Motion carried 4-1.

At 8:55 pm, motion by Roberts, supported by Minelli, to come out of Closed Session. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberts, supported by Minelli, to approve the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police increase to step 20.5. Motion carried.

The current grievance will be brought to arbitration.

**Board Comment:** Supervisor Minelli stated it was great working with the Board and he would talk with Mr. Boogren about the Deputy Supervisor position.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Minelli adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Filizetti  
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett  
Forsyth Township Clerk