

**Forsyth Township Board
Regular Meeting
Gwinn Community Center
September 26, 2019**

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

Board Members Present: Supervisor Boogren, Clerk Borrett, Treasurer Roberts, Trustee Armatti and Trustee Adams

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Marybeth Marin, a number of township employees and concerned citizens.

Supervisor Boogren announced that Trustee Adams had brought in a check from Price Gregory International, which is a subcontractor for the Semco pipeline. This check is a donation for a concession stand remodel in the park.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to approve the Minutes from the August 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to approve the agenda with the addition of 10h. WC – 317 N. River Dr. and 11d. 2020 Census. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Carl Bryzek commented on a bill submitted to the Board.

Department Reports: The following reports were placed on file: EMS, Assessing, Zoning, Senior Citizens Director, Fire, Library, Police, Public Works, and General Operating Financial.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Marin stated there has been no response from Valley Medical Transportation regarding the amended agreement. She will reach out to them again. A letter went out to the Commercial Forest Program leader regarding the section 27 request. She has met with Zoning Administrator Hakes regarding general Ordinance procedures for current and future use. There is continuing work on the Horseshoe Lake Campground issues.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Roberts, supported by Borrett, to approve the bills and vouchers for \$95,487.94, as presented. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township
Bills For Approval
9/26/19**

| Vendor | Description | Amount |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Airgas | PW/FD Cylinder Rental and Gases | 1,080.28 |
| A Jacobson Landscaping | W/S Yard Repair | 800.00 |

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| American Welding & Gas | EMS Oxygen | 107.44 |
| Auto Value | Various Dept Parts | 555.25 |
| Axon Enterprises | PD Taser | 2,317.00 |
| Bergdahl's | SC Mower Repair | 111.21 |
| Champion Glass Mqt | Ballfield Lights | 621.37 |
| College Laundry | Various Dept Carpet/Uniform Svc | 407.77 |
| Compudyne | Computer Support & Hardware | 3,376.50 |
| Dalco | CH/Parks Supplies | 621.85 |
| Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC | Attorney Fees | 3,995.00 |
| FSC Corp | Alarm Monitoring | 186.00 |
| Ferno | EMS Power Cot and Supplies | 35,547.31 |
| Fraco | Parks Mortar | 190.70 |
| Galls | PD Uniforms | 382.12 |
| GreatAmerica Financial | Server Lease | 562.43 |
| Great Lakes Testing | FD Ladder Testing | 342.50 |
| Harris | W/S CASS Update | 60.00 |
| Jacobson Excavating | Topsoil | 950.00 |
| Marin Law Firm | Attorney Fees | 950.00 |
| Menards | Supplies for Various Depts | 274.86 |
| MML | Work Comp Audit | 9,199.00 |
| Newman | Street Sign Supplies | 1,364.06 |
| North Country Septic | Banshee Park Portable Restrooms | 110.00 |
| Pomasl Fire Equip | FD Gloves | 572.00 |
| Purchase Power | Postage | 520.99 |
| Quill | Supplies for Various Depts | 692.21 |
| Rainbow Pay Systems | PW Playground Rope | 66.00 |
| Range Telecommunications | Miss Dig | 32.80 |
| Riverside Ford | PD Vehicle Repair | 860.20 |
| State of Michigan | PD Token/ EMS Assess | 473.70 |
| Superior Lock | Water Alarm Monitoring | 359.88 |
| The Mining Journal | Publishing | 762.24 |
| The Office Planning Group | Copier Maintenance | 185.91 |
| TransUnion | PD Background Checks | 50.00 |
| UPEA | Engineering Services | 2,908.78 |
| UP Health System Mqt | PD Testing | 298.00 |
| UP Kubota | PW Kubota Parts | 518.53 |
| Wells Fargo | Various Dept Supplies | 408.70 |
| White Water Assoc. | Water Analysis | 45.00 |

TOTAL

72,867.59

**Forsyth Township
Additional Bills For Approval
9/26/19**

| Vendor | Description | Amount |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Ace | Various Dept Supplies | 1,171.58 |
| A Lindberg & Sons | W/S Stone | 152.13 |
| Axon | PD Body Cams | 1,398.00 |
| Best Buy | Laptop | 256.98 |
| Compudyne | Computer Equip and Support | 37.50 |
| Dalco | PW Supplies | 125.84 |
| Froberg's Clothing | PW Boots | 250.00 |
| Fraco | PD Flooring | 469.83 |
| Kellogg Hotel | W/S Training | 365.94 |
| Menards | Various Dept Supplies | 1,175.44 |
| Modeltown | Various Dept Fuel | 3,342.86 |
| MRWA | W/S Training | 180.00 |
| Quill | Various Dept Supplies | 1,432.76 |
| State of Michigan | Boiler Inspections | 370.00 |
| The Office Planning Group | Copier Contracts | 449.97 |
| UPEA | Engineering Services | 8,008.00 |
| UP Fabricating | Park & PD Supplies | 3,351.00 |
| US Postal Service | SC Newsletter | 82.52 |
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| | | 22,620.35 |
| | Original Bill Listing | 72,867.59 |
| | Total Accounts Payable | 95,487.94 |

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 80040 - 80244

Voucher Numbers for Tax 1895 - 1904

ACTION ITEMS:

Appoint Blight Committee Member (10a.): Motion by Adams, supported by Boogren, to appoint Sherry Filizetti-Juidici to the Blight Committee for a 2 year term, as recommended. Motion carried.

Semco/UPPCO Easement (10b.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Adams, to approve the Semco/UPPCO Utility Easement, as presented. Motion carried.

PW – A Jacobson Landscaping Estimates (10c.): Motion by Adams, supported by Borrett, to approve the estimates from A Jacobson Landscaping for Fall Maintenance, totaling \$4,660.00. Motion carried.

Cemetery Deed Transfer (10d.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Armatti, to approve transferring a cemetery deed to a family member, as requested. Motion carried.

Tavern License (10e.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Roberts, to approve Backwoods Pizza’s request for a Tavern License, per the resolution. Discussion ensued. Backwoods Pizza Representatives explained the intensions of the license. Motion amended by Boogren, support amended by Roberts, to approve Backwoods Pizza’s request for a Tavern License, per the resolution, pending assurance that the school has been notified and does not feel aggrieved. Roll call: Treasurer Roberts - yes, Trustee Adams – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Armatti – yes. Motion carried.

Interim Police Chief Wage (10f.): Motion by Roberts, supported by Adams, to approve the pay increase for the Interim Police Chief, as requested. Clerk Borrett voiced her concern for the increase in relation to the past chief pay comparison, over time, the night differential, and contract wording. She also requested an update on the search for a new Police Chief and thanked Interim Police Chief Kjellin for his continued service. Treasurer Roberts stated they were still searching for a replacement and that the contract wording is in regards to a short time Interim Chief, so it would not be applicable as it has been a lengthy service. Motion carried.

FD – Hire Fire Fighter (10g.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Adams, to approve hiring Riley Stansky as a Forsyth Township Fire Fighter. Motion carried.

WC – 317 N. River Dr. (10h.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Armatti, to approve crediting \$321.13 to the water bill for 317 N. River Drive, as recommended by the Water Committee. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Precinct Reassignment (11a.): Clerk Borrett asked the Board to consider reassigning precincts. Voter turnout for precinct 3 is consistently low. The building is not really adequate for the voters and election workers. She asked the Board to think of any buildings that would be compliant for voting, to consider the costs and to consider alternatives such as mobile absentee ballot stations.

Deferred Compensation Ordinance (11b.): *Motion by Adams, supported by Boogren, go through the process of no longer having this ordinance, as it no longer serves a purpose. Attorney Marin will research the need and process. Motion carried.*

Pension Plan Ordinance (11c.): *Motion by Adams, supported by Boogren, to go through the process of no longer having this ordinance, as it is no longer relevant. Attorney Marin will review. Motion carried.*

2020 Census (11d.): Supervisor Boogren informed the Board of a meeting that took place with a representative from the 2020 Census. He stated the census would like municipalities to consider

forming a Complete Count Committee. This committee would help inform the public on the census. Clerk Borrett commented on the importance on the census for public funding. It was the consensus of the Board to have Supervisor Boogren inform the census representative that this Board would not be taking action to form this committee.

OLD BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Public Comment: Interim Police Chief Kjellin commented on alcohol licensing. Carl Bryzek commented on the bill he submitted.

Board Comment: Trustee Adams thanked all for Ordinance reviewing. Clerk Borrett thanked the entire staff for the success of the recent Audit.

Adjournment: Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Filizetti
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett
Forsyth Township Clerk