

**Forsyth Township Board
Regular Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting 85787897623
December 17, 2020**

Supervisor Boogren called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Supervisor Boogren: Remotely from Forsyth Township, Marquette County, Michigan
Clerk Borrett: Remotely from Forsyth Township, Marquette County, Michigan
Treasurer Kevern: Remotely from Forsyth Township, Marquette County, Michigan
Trustee Bodenus: Remotely from Forsyth Township, Marquette County, Michigan
Trustee Heikkila: Remotely from Forsyth Township, Marquette County, Michigan

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Steven Koski Administrator of the virtual/teleconferencing meeting, Attorney Marin, a number of township employees and concerned citizens.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to approve the Minutes from the November 19, 2020 and December 3, 2020 Board Meetings, as presented. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Borrett, supported by Kevern, to approve the agenda, as presented. Discussion ensued. Motion amended by Borrett, support amended by Kevern, to approve the agenda with the additions of 10j. Hire 2 Firefighters and 11e. Gwinn Ice Track Name. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkila - yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Bodenus - yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Department Reports: The following reports were placed on file: EMS, Zoning, Senior Citizens Director, Fire, Library, General Operating Financial and Emergency Management.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Marin stated the Horseshoe Lake Campground issue is ongoing. She will send a report to the Board Members summarizing any outstanding issues.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Borrett, supported by Bodenus, to approve the bills and vouchers totaling \$328,879.80, as presented. Clerk Borrett verified the bill for road resurfacing. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – abstained as his company is included in the Bills and Vouchers. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township
Bills For Approval
12/17/20**

Vendor	Description	Amount
808 Motorsports LLC	PW Parts	250.25
Ace Hardware	Various Dept Parts	275.39
Airgas	PW/FD Cylinder Rental and Gases	695.90
American Nameplate	Board Name Plate	16.00
College Laundry	Various Dept Carpet/Uniform Svc	268.88
Compudyne	Computer Support & Hardware	1,152.03
DLP MQT Physician Practices	PD Physical	298.00
Embroidery Wear House	EMS Uniforms	960.00
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Medical Supplies	1,001.05
Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC	Attorney Fees	2,904.00
Froberg's Clothing	PW Boots	154.99
Galls	PD/EMS Uniforms	716.40
Gwinn-Upper Great Lakes	EMS Physical	20.00
Holiday Cleaners	PD/EMS Uniforms	154.50
Marquette County Clerk	Election Ad/Kits	182.22
Menards	Various Dept Supplies	283.43
Midway Rentals	PW Gloves	327.60
Modeltown Express	Various Dept Fuel	2,195.75
Quill	Various Dept Office Supplies	598.43
Range Telecommunications	Miss Dig	31.40
Remy Battery	PW/EMS Batteries	300.96
State of Michigan	PW NPDES Permit/PD Printing	486.50
TEAM ATV Trail Riders	KBIC Pass Through Agent	2,500.00
The Mining Journal	Publishing	147.18
The Office Planning Group	Office Copier	7.77
TransUnion	PD Background Checks	50.00
UPSET	KBIC Pass Through Agent	5,000.00
UP Office	SC Copier	308.10
Willey's Tire Shop	PW Tires	948.10
	TOTAL	22,234.83

**Forsyth Township
Additional Bills For Approval
12/17/20**

Vendor	Description	Amount
Auto Value	Various Dept Parts	407.94
American Nameplate	Board Nameplate	16.00
American Welding	EMS Oxygen	87.71
Bluestone Psych	PD Testing	465.00
City of Marquette	Bacteriological Analysis	75.00
Compudyne	Server Lease/Computer Support	452.00
ElectionSource	Election Supplies	1,260.00
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Medical Supplies	474.31
Fredrickson Supply	Sewer Supplies	246.86
Marin Law Firm	Attorney Fees	750.00
Marquette County Road Commission	HMA Resurfacing	298,005.92
Menards	Various Dept Supplies	149.51
MWEA	PW Dues	77.00
North Country Disposal	Transfer Station Dump	250.00
Pitney Bowes	Ink	356.97
State of Michigan	PD Fees, EMS QA,	397.36
Superior Lock	CH Camera Repair	248.40
The Office Planning Group	Copier	169.99
UPEA	Engineering Services	1,235.00
White Water Assoc	Water Analysis	1,520.00
		306,644.97
	Original Bill Listing	22,234.83
	Total Accounts Payable	328,879.80

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 82746-82907
 Voucher Numbers for Tax 1994-1995

ACTION ITEMS:

2021 Meeting Dates (10a.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by Borrett, to approve the 2021 Meeting Dates, as presented. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Trustee Bodenus - yes. Motion carried.

Transfer Station Fees (10b.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Boogren, to approve increasing Transfer Station Fees to 12 cents per pound. Supervisor Boogren stated the increase was because of the increased fees at the Marquette County Landfill. Bookkeeper Rodgers explained the spreadsheet she had presented to the Board, which detailed the revenues and expenses. The increase will take place

January 1, 2021. The last increase was in 2014. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

Employee Leave Payout (10c.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Bodenus, to approve paying out employees over their maximum vacation and to offer employees to get paid out up to half of their remaining vacation and comp time, at the employee’s option, on either the last pay period of 2020 or the first pay period of 2021. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals Board Member Appointment (10d.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to appoint Trustee Connie Heikkala to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes. Motion carried.

Committee of Aging Appointment (10e.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Bodenus, to appoint Supervisor Boogren to the Local Committee of Aging. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

Rezone Parcel on Pike Lake (10f.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Bodenus, to approve rezoning 52-05-228-008-00, 280 Thousand Days Lane, from RRP to LR, as recommended. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Trustee Bodenus - yes. Motion carried.

W/S C – 5 E. Stephenson (10g.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to adjust the water and sewer bill for 5 E. Stephenson, as recommended. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes. Motion carried.

W/S C – Permit Fees (10h.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Boogren, to approve adjusting the Sewer Permit Fee, section 6, item 7, and Water Permit Fee, section 9.2, item 7, for a new connection to the system to \$25.00 each, as recommended. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes. Motion carried.

Land Bank Demolition (10i.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Bodenus, to approve splitting the cost of demolition for 148 E. Blueberry, not to exceed \$4,600. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

Hire 2 Firefighters (10j.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to approve hiring 2 firefighters, recently interviewed by Chief Stansky. Kyle Dobson and Robert VandeZande are the new firefighters. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Website Page (11a.): Supervisor Boogren stated our website needs to be updated. He will research companies and get quotes back to the Board.

Committee Liaisons (11b.): Supervisor Boogren asked the Board if Liaison assignments presented were satisfactory for the Board Members. Discussion ensued. Liaison assignments and alternate assignments were reconfigured.

Motion by Bodenus, supported by Borrett, to accept the reconfigured liaison and alternate assignments. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

Junk Yard Ordinance Review (11c.): Supervisor Boogren stated the Junk Yard Ordinance is no longer needed, as the Blight Ordinance will suffice. The county has already done away with theirs.

Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to approve Ordinance 2-2020 Repealing Junk Yard Ordinance 2-71. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Ordinance Review (11d.): Supervisor Boogren stated the Board has reviewed the Ordinance and no changes are required.

Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to have the record reflect that the Planning Commission Ordinance has been reviewed and shall remain unchanged. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes. Motion carried.

Gwinn Ice Track Name (11e.): Supervisor Boogren recapped the Ice Track Committee letter requesting the naming of the Gwinn Ice Track.

Motion by Borrett, supported by Kevern, to approve naming the Gwinn Ice Track after Neil Armatti Sr. Supervisor Boogren commented on the time and effort Neil had spent on the Ice Track and that it only be fitting to name it after him. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Public Comment: Myron Hillock commented on NIMS training.

Board Comment: Clerk Borrett and Supervisor Boogren welcomed the new Board Members.

Closed Session Collective Bargaining:

At 7: 12 p.m. a motion was made by Boogren, supported by Bodenus, to approve going into Closed Session to discussing collective bargaining. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

At 8:54 p.m. Supervisor Boogren adjourned the Closed Session.

Motion by Boogren, supported by Bodenus, to approve going back to open session. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Linnee
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett
Forsyth Township Clerk