

**Forsyth Township Board
Regular Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting 81752155196
February 25, 2021**

Supervisor Boogren called the meeting to order at 6:30 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: Absent - Excused
Trustee Heikkila: Remotely from Forsyth Township, Marquette County, Michigan

Board Members Absent: Trustee Bodenus

Also Present: Attorney Steven Koski Administrator of the virtual/teleconferencing meeting, Attorney Marin, Mary Myers Director of Business Development for Lake Superior Community Partnership, George LaBlonde III Chairman of the Board for Superior Extrusion Inc., a number of township employees and concerned citizens.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Borrett, supported by Kevern, to approve the Minutes from the January 28, 2021 Board Meeting, as presented. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Bodenus – absent, Trustee Heikkila – yes. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to approve the agenda with the addition of 9k. Insurance Renewal. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkila - yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Bodenus - absent. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Attorney Koski explained the different ways to offer a comment. Mary Meyers expressed her support of Superior Extrusions Tax Abatement. George LaBlonde offered to answer any questions during action item 9b.

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

Trustee Heikkila questioned the structure fires and gas leaks at KI Sawyer. Supervisor Boogren will follow-up with the Fire Chief.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Marin stated there were two hearings coming up. They are regarding the Manninen blight issue and Horseshoe Lake Campground issue.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Borrett, supported by Boogren, to approve the bills and vouchers totaling \$52,367.86, as presented. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – absent, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township
Bills For Approval
2/25/20**

Vendor	Description	Amount
Airgas	PW/FD Cylinder Rental and Gases	719.59
American Welding	EMS Oxygen	88.78
Auto Value	Various Dept Parts	765.64
BS&A	Computer Programming	2,645.00
College Laundry	Various Dept Carpet/Uniform Svc	438.69
Compudyne	Computer Support & Hardware	1,417.39
Core & Main	Water Dept Parts	1,035.00
Dalco	PW Supplies	143.75
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Medical Supplies	2,011.37
Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC	Attorney Fees	4,239.38
Froberg's Clothing	PW Boots	171.88
Larry's Foods	Various Dept Supplies	196.98
LoyalTees	PD Uniforms	269.40
Marin Law Firm	Attorney Fees	750.55
Marquette County	Tax Rolls	13,958.69
Menards	Various Dept Supplies	227.34
MMTA	Treasurer Dues	150.00
North Country Disposal	PW Transfer Station Dumpsters	250.00
Northern Michigan University	PD Dues	416.51
Range Telecommunications	Miss Dig	65.74
State of Michigan	PD Printing /Audit	14,059.50
The Mining Journal	Publishing	782.55
The Office Planning Group	Copier	280.42
TransUnion	PD Background Checks	75.00
UPEA	Engineering	1,568.00
UP Health System	EMS Training	40.00
USA BlueBook	PW Parts	124.24
Wolverine Door Service	Emergency Services Building Repair	230.00
	TOTAL	47,121.39

**Forsyth Township
Additional Bills For Approval
2/25/20**

Vendor	Description	Amount
Ace Hardware	Various Dept Supplies	220.21
Crossroads Truck Repair	FD Truck Repair	334.00
Galls	EMS Uniforms	273.99
Lammi Fire Protection	FD SCBA Cylinders Test	120.00
Marquette County Road Comm.	Dust Control (2020)	3,564.23
Menards	PD Supplies	144.03
MTA	BOR Review Guide	39.50
Quill	PD Supplies	64.56
UP Propane	EM - Tank Lease	55.00
Wells Fargo	Supplies Various Dept	430.95
		5,246.47
Original Bill Listing		47,121.39
Total Accounts Payable		52,367.86

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 83072-83236
Voucher Numbers for Tax 2021-2038

ACTION ITEMS:

Alice Vallier Proclamation (9a.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Kevern, to approve the Proclamation to Declare February 28th, 2021 Alice Vallier Day, as presented. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Trustee Bodenus - absent. Motion carried.

SEI Tax Abatement Request (9b.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Boogren, to approve the Forsyth Township Resolution of Support for Superior Extrusion Inc. Proposed Expansion Project, as presented. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Boogren explained the tax abatement was for 50% for 12 years. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – absent, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

Roads Committee – Road Repairs (9c.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to approve the road repairs, totaling \$517,558.00, as recommended. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Boogren stated the millage amount would not support the initial recommendation. Chain of Lakes area and Seass Drive are scheduled for repairs. Treasurer Kevern encouraged the Board to request Marquette County helping with road repairs. Motion amended by Boogren, support amended by Borrett, to approve \$376,473.00 for road repairs, specific to the Seass Road project and the Base Line Road project. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Trustee Bodenus – absent, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

EMS – Transfer Side-By-Side to Fire Dept. (9d.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Kevern, to approve EMS transferring the side-by-side to the Fire Department. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Bodenus – absent, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes. Motion carried.

MCRC Dust Control (9e.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Kevern, to approve the Dust Control totaling \$4,101.30, as presented. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – absent, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

Ambulance Write-Offs (9f.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to approve writing off the presented ambulance runs as uncollectable debt, totaling \$18,491.17. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Trustee Bodenus - absent. Motion carried.

W/S Committee – Late Fees (9g.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Boogren, to approve reinstating the Water/Sewer late fees beginning May 1st. Clerk Borrett explained the new software transition has had delays. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Bodenus – absent, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes. Motion carried.

PD – Chief Training (9h.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Kevern, to approve training for Chief Kjellin totaling \$1,070.00, as presented. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Bodenus – absent. Motion carried.

Poverty Exemption /Asset Test Resolution (9i.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Kevern, to approve the Annual Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test Resolution, as presented. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Bodenus – absent, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

FD – Purchase Gloves (9j.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Kevern, to approve the Fire Department purchasing gloves totaling \$900.00. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – absent, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

Insurance Renewal (9k.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Kevern, to renew the Township insurance, as presented. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Trustee Bodenus – absent, Clerk Borrett – yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Capital Improvement (11a.): Supervisor Boogren explained that he, Trustee Bodenus and Bookkeeper Rodgers met with the Department Heads to go over the plan. He explained some of the items on the spreadsheet. Clerk Borrett questioned the Clubhouse roof. Superintendent of Public Works Jancsi explained the recent repairs in direct effect of the leaking.

Solid Waste Collection Ordinance Review (11b.): Supervisor Boogren asked the Board if any changes are needed. It was the consensus of the Board that it has been reviewed and shall remain unchanged.

Marihuana Opt-In (11c.): Supervisor Boogren stated Trustee Bodenus was still researching. Clerk Borrett asked the Board for types of facilities to be present in Forsyth Township. She will reach out to the Planning Commission for input.

OLD BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Public Comment: George LaBlonde thanked the Board for the support for Superior Extrusion. Bookkeeper Rodgers commented on the Budget Workshop scheduled for March 11th.

Board Comment: Trustee Heikkala commented on the Marquette County Road Commission funding for road repairs. Supervisor Boogren explained the history and options of funding for road repairs. Trustee Heikkala asked if there was any response regarding the letter written to Governor Whitmer. Supervisor Boogren stated there had been no response. Clerk Borrett thanked the office staff in regards to the software changeover. Supervisor Boogren informed the Board of the Board of Review schedule. Supervisor Boogren is waiting for Website proposals.

Adjournment: Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Linnee
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett
Forsyth Township Clerk