

**Forsyth Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
Virtual Zoom Meeting 82790497655  
April 22, 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: Remotely from Forsyth Township, Marquette County, Michigan  
Trustee Heikkila: Remotely from Forsyth Township, Marquette County, Michigan

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Attorney Matt Kuschel Administrator of the virtual/teleconferencing meeting, a number of township employees and concerned citizens.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Borrett, supported by Kevern, to approve the Minutes from the March 25, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, 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 Bodenus, to approve the agenda, with the addition of 9k. \$100,000 for Chip/Crack/Fog Seal, 9l. Recreation at Sawyer up to \$10,000, 9m. Bulldozer Rental for Ballfield Complex, 9n. Campground Reservation System, 9o. Pizzeria Mozzi Beer and Wine License. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkila - yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Bodenus - yes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Rich Johnson commented on the National Drug Take Back Day. Attorney Blanck commented on Pizzeria Mozzi application request.

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

**Attorney's Report:** Supervisor Boogren stated Attorney Marin was unable to make this meeting, but had emailed a detailed report to each of the Board Members.

**Approval of Bills & Vouchers:** Motion by Boogren, supported by Bodenus, to approve the bills and vouchers totaling \$73,564.22, as presented. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – abstained. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township  
Bills For Approval  
4/22/21**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Advanced Auto Parts	Ambulance Parts	198.87
American Welding & Gas, Inc.	EMS Supplies	130.45
Auto-Wares	Parts/Supplies-Various Departments	947.20
Airgas	Supplies-Public Works & Fire	1,255.47
Bergdahl's	Lawnmower	369.00
BS&A	Software Setup and Training	22,100.00
City of Marquette	Water Analysis	75.00
College Laundry & Rentals	Uniform & Carpet Service	397.25
Compudyne	Computer Support	1,086.50
Crossroads Mini-Mart	Gasoline	78.37
Crossroads Truck Repair	Truck Repairs & Parts-Transfer Station	3,765.70
Dalco	Building Supplies-Clubhouse	39.24
Drug Screens Plus	Drug Screening	75.00
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Supplies	490.00
Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes	Attorney Fees	2,642.00
Fox Of Marquette	Parts for Ambulance	398.68
Galls	Police Equipment	453.45
Lammi Fire Protection	FD Supplies/Equipment	1,540.15
Marin Law Firm, PLLC	Attorney Fees	911.75
Marquette Co Township Association	BOR Ads	103.44
County of Marquette	Assessing-Jan thru March	26,751.00
Menards	Supplies-Fire, NMIS, Water	1,028.77
North Country Disposal	Dump Recycle	753.38
PTS Communications	Payphone	53.00
Quill Corporation	Lock Bag-Transfer Station	32.99
R&R Truck Repair	Truck Inspections-Fire	2,456.65
Range Telecommunications	Miss Dig Services	31.40
Remy Battery Co	Batteries-Fire	315.00
State of Michigan	Water Training-Kevern	120.00
State of Michigan	Fingerprinting	216.25
The Mining Journal	Publications	520.40
The Office Planning Group	Copier Contract	84.93
TransUnion	Background Checks	75.00
USA BlueBook	Water Supplies	141.81
Wage Works Inc.	COBRA Administration	40.00
		<b>69,678.10</b>

**Forsyth Township  
Additional Bills For Approval  
4/22/21**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A1 Sport & Weld Supply	PW Acetylene/Oxygen	95.90
Ace Hardware	Various Dept Supplies	431.84
BSN Sports	Ballfield Base	222.29
Carol Sarasin	Cemetery Lot Buyback	20.00
College Laundry	Carpet Service	31.25
Dalco	CH Supplies	407.45
Menards	Various Dept Supplies	192.06
Midway Rentals	PW Part	55.00
Modeltown Express	Fuel	235.34
North Country Disposal	Transfer Station Dump	250.00
Quill	Various Dept Supplies	1,256.87
R&R Fire Truck Repair	FD Truck Repair	688.12
UP Propane	EM - Tank Lease	
Wells Fargo	Supplies Various Dept	
		<b>3,886.12</b>
	<b>Original Bill Listing</b>	<b>69,678.10</b>
	<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>73,564.22</b>

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 83373-83522

Voucher Numbers for Tax 2039-2042

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**FD – Entertainment for UPPFA Tournament and 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Street Dance (9a.):** Motion by Bodenus, supported by Kevern, to approve entertainment for the UPPFA Tournament and Street Dance, totaling \$4,000. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – abstain, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Trustee Bodenus - yes. Motion carried.

**FD – Purchase AEDs & 2 ½ WYE 500 (9b.):** Motion by Borrett, supported by Boogren, to approve replacing 2 AEDs and 2 ½ WYE 500, totaling \$3,000. Clerk Borrett would like clarification of the WYE 500. Supervisor Boogren will email the entire Board with the clarification. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

**PD – Purchase Laptop (9c.):** Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to approve purchasing a laptop for \$2,020, as requested. Clerk Borrett clarified the need for the additional laptop. Roll call: Clerk

Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

**W/S Committee – 111 N. Birch St. (9d.):** Motion by Bodenus, supported by Kevern, to approve adjusting the bill, as recommended, for 111 N. Birch St. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes. Motion carried.

**W/S Committee – 99 E. Sands St. (9e.):** Motion by Borrett, supported by Boogren, to approve adjusting the bill, as recommended, for 99 E. Sands St. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

**W/S Committee – 525 N. Princeton Dr. (9f.):** Motion by Boogren, supported by Kevern, to approve adjusting the bill, as recommended, for 525 N. Princeton Dr. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes. Motion carried.

**W/S Committee – Delinquent Water Shut-Offs (9g.):** Motion by Borrett, supported by Kevern, to approve resuming delinquent Water Shut-Offs after June 1, 2021, as recommended. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes. Motion carried.

**Retiree Healthcare Actuarial (9h.):** Motion by Borrett, supported by Bodenus, to approve the Fee Quote from Watkins Ross, for \$4,100 in 2021 and \$1,300 in 2022, totaling \$5,400. Bookkeeper Rodgers explained it was a state requirement. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes. Motion carried.

**Marquette County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution (9i.):** Motion by Bodenus, supported by Borrett, to approve the Resolution to Adopt the 2021 Marquette County Hazard Mitigation Plan, as presented. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

**EMT Basic & First Responder Class Reimbursement (9j.):** Motion by Bodenus, supported by Kevern, to approve reimbursing EMT and First Responder training costs, as requested. Trustee Bodenus questioned the requirements. Clerk Borrett referred to the contract that must be signed. Trustee Heikkala will contact EMS Director Baez for requirements of future requests. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

**\$100,000 for Chip/Crack/Fog Seal (9k.):** Motion by Borrett, supported by Boogren, to approve an additional \$100,000 for Chip/Crack/Fog Seal for 2021. Supervisor Boogren stated \$375,000 has already been executed for this year's road millage. Roads will be chosen at a future date. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes. Motion carried.

**Recreation at Sawyer up to \$10,000 (9l.):** Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to approve executing, in this budget, not to exceed \$10,000 in recreational funding, to be used at KI Sawyer. Supervisor Boogren suggested putting portable basketball hoops in some cul-de-sacs and soccer goals in some green spaces. Clerk Borrett will bring the suggestion to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Roll

call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

**Bulldozer Rental for Ballfield Complex (9m.):** Motion by Kevern, supported by Boogren, to approve renting a bulldozer for the ballfield complex upgrades. Supervisor Boogren stated there needs to be additional parking and the road needs to be moved. Superintendent of Public Works Jancsi stated the bulldozer will also be used for the brush/compost area by the Lagoons. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

**Campground Reservation System (9n.):** Motion by Borrett, supported by Bodenus, to approve a campground reservation system for Farquar-Metsa Tourist Park. Bookkeeper Rodgers explained the costs involved, which are minimal. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes. Motion carried.

**Pizzeria Mozzi Beer and Wine License (9o.):** Motion by Kevern, supported by Bodenus, to approve the application from Pizzeria Mozzi, Inc. for a Tavern License (beer and wine; no liquor) at 21 W. M-35. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Supervisor Boogren – abstain, Trustee Bodenus – yes. Motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Marihuana Facilities (10a.):** Trustee Bodenus stated he and Clerk Borrett are continuing to draft the Ordinance. The Zoning Administrator is reviewing the zoning language to be specific to Forsyth Township. There is a meeting set up with the Attorney's for review also.

**Yard Storage Containers (10b.):** Clerk Borrett explained an issue that was brought to the Planning Commission regarding a storage container put in a yard. That resident went through the zoning processes and has been placed legally. Storage containers should be addressed in the zoning ordinance to curb future issues. Trustee Heikkila informed the Board on the background of the current issue.

**Virtual vs. In-person Meetings (10c.):** Supervisor Boogren asked the Board to consider the different options available. Trustee Bodenus explained a hybrid option. Treasurer Kevern questioned the benefits. Clerk Borrett explained hearing may be a problem, along with the concerns regarding the Open Meetings Act.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor Boogren reminded the Board of the Storage Container correspondence.

**Public Comment:** Julie Jansen commented on the Ice Track noise.

**Board Comment:** Trustee Heikkila asked for an update on the Arborist. Superintendent Jancsi stated the Arborist will be coming during the next few weeks. Clerk Borrett complimented the function of the Board and the quality of the staff. Supervisor Boogren informed the Board of a meeting he had with MDOT regarding the M-35 road project happening in 2023. He stated water and sewer issues could be

addressed during that repair. Trustee Bodenus stated that there will be unfunded mandates for service lines in the future. This might be a great time to address those issues also.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Linnee  
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett  
Forsyth Township Clerk