

**Forsyth Township Board
Regular Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting 85957216923
May 20, 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 Steve Koski administrator of the virtual/teleconferencing meeting, Attorney Marybeth Marin, a number of township employees and concerned citizens.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Borrett, supported by Bodenus, to approve the Minutes from the April 22, 2021 and May 13, 2021 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 Boogren, supported by Borrett, to approve the agenda, with the addition of 9k. Pursue 425 Agreement with West Branch for Invader Street Property and 10c. Ballfield/Racetrack Project. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkila - yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Bodenus - yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Attorney Koski explained the different ways to offer public comment. No comments were offered.

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

Attorney's Report: Attorney Marin stated the formal trial is coming up on the Horseshoe Lake matter. She noted an email that was sent from Attorney Kuschel regarding a pretrial conference. She met with the Marihuana committee to review and offer input to the draft Marihuana Ordinance.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Borrett, supported by Boogren, to approve the bills and vouchers totaling \$70,947.57, as presented. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township
Bills For Approval
5/20/21**

Vendor	Description	Amount
Advanced Auto Parts	PW Parts	263.22
Adventure Centre	PD Snowmobile Parts	677.95
American Welding & Gas, Inc.	EMS Supplies	130.78
Auto-Value	Parts/Supplies-Variou Departments	669.71
Airgas	Supplies-Public Works & Fire	459.11
BS&A	Software Support	1,050.00
City of Marquette	Water Analysis	100.00
Code Electrical	NIMS Office	842.48
College Laundry & Rentals	Uniform & Carpet Service	355.46
Compudyne	Computer Support	786.50
Core & Main	Water Parts	1,095.72
Crossroads Truck Repair	PW Transfer Station	174.00
Elcom	EMS Antenna	8.00
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Supplies	1,080.37
ETNA Supply	Water Parts	864.00
Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes	Attorney Fees	2,951.50
Fire-Rescue Supply LLC	FD Gloves	398.50
Galls	Police Uniforms	97.50
Hilltop RV Superstore	FD Hitch	166.99
ID Ville	ID Maker Supplies	1,821.76
Impact Melanoma	Park Sunscreen Dispenser and Sunscreen	292.00
Marin Law Firm, PLLC	Attorney Fees	753.60
Marquette Township Fire & Rescue	FD Fit Testing	200.00
Menards	Various Dept Supplies	804.47
Miller-Bradford	Bulldozer Rental	6,800.00
Newman Sign	Sign Supplies	406.48
North Country Disposal	Portable Restroom	165.17
Northland Lawn Sport & Equip	PW Mower Parts	288.71
Pride Printing	Transfer Station Slips	620.34
Quill Corporation	Various Dept Supplies	102.37
Remy Battery Co	PW Batteries	39.36
TEAM	KBIC Pass Through Agent	2,500.00
UPSET	KBIC Pass Through Agent	5,000.00
Walt Patterson	PW Oil	58.00
Willey's Tire Shop	PD Tires	584.04
		32,608.09

**Forsyth Township
Additional Bills For Approval
5/20/21**

Vendor	Description	Amount
American Water Works	Membership Renewal	231.00
Canon Financial	Copier	199.58
College Laundry	Carpet Service	31.25
Compudyne	Computer Support	150.00
Core and Main	Water Parts	2,400.00
Elcom	PD Parts	219.32
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Medical Supplies	491.41
Globe Printing	PD Forms	60.00
Menards	Various Dept Supplies	819.87
MML	Work Comp Renewal	18,757.00
North Country Disposal	Transfer Station/Community Cleanup	12,360.00
Nye Uniform	PD Uniforms	202.50
Quill	Various Dept Supplies	335.85
Sands Township	SC Senior Picnic Deposit	75.00
Skandia Township	SC Senior Picnic Deposit	250.00
State of Michigan	PD Printing	86.50
The Mining Journal	Publishing	1,035.26
The Office Planning	Copier	274.94
TransUnion	PD Background Checks	75.00
UPEA	Engineering Services	285.00
		38,339.48
	Original Bill Listing	32,608.09
	Total Accounts Payable	70,947.57

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 83523-83660

Voucher Numbers for Tax 2043

ACTION ITEMS:

Confirm Appointment of Deputy Supervisor (9a.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Kevern, to confirm the appointment of Ron Lauren as Deputy Supervisor. Supervisor Boogren thanked Stacy Linnee for her service as Deputy Supervisor and welcomed Ron Lauren to the position effective June 1, 2021. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – abstain, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Trustee Bodenus - yes. Motion carried.

Confirm Appointment of Planning Commission Member (9b.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Kevern, to confirm appointing Ross Underwood to the Planning Commission. Supervisor Boogren thanked Ross Underwood for applying to the position. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

FD – Relief Valve (9c.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Bodenus, to approve purchasing a relief valve for \$2,000, as requested. Supervisor Boogren explained the purpose of the valve. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

W/S Committee – 108 E. Sands St. (9d.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by Borrett, to approve adjusting the bills for 108 East Sands Street, 100 North Tamarack Street, 237 North Elm Street and 145 North Elm Street, as recommended by the Water/Sewer Committee. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes. Motion carried.

W/S Committee – 100 N. Tamarack St. (9e.): See 9d.

W/S Committee – 237 N. Elm St. (9f.): See 9d.

W/S Committee – 145 N. Elm St. (9g.): See 9d.

Parks/Rec Committee – Reservation Fee (9h.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by Kevern, to approve a \$7.00 nonrefundable reservation fee for the Tourist Park. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes. Motion carried.

Parks/Rec Committee – Nonrefundable Fee (9i.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Kevern, to approve having a nonrefundable first night reservation for the Tourist Park if the cancellation is within 7 days. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

EMS – Purchase Lifepak (9j.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Kevern, to approve purchasing a new Lifepak for \$34,000, as requested. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried.

Pursue 425 Agreement with West Branch for Invader Street Property (9k.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Kevern, to approve pursuing a 425 Agreement with West Branch for the property specified on Invader Street. Supervisor Boogren explained half of a building is in Forsyth and half in West Branch. Roll call: Treasurer Kevern – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkala – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Clerk Borrett – yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Marihuana Facilities (10a.): Clerk Borrett stated she will email Board Members a copy of a draft ordinance. She proposed it will be finished soon.

Review Fire Department Connection Ordinance (10b.): Supervisor Boogren asked if anyone had any questions. It was the consensus of the Board to note that the ordinance has been reviewed and no changes are needed.

Ballfield/Racetrack Project (10c.): Trustee Bodenus questioned the status of the brush piles near the ice track. Treasurer Kevern explained the berms are needed for safety and sound, but will be cleaned up and planted on. Supervisor Boogren stated MJ VanDamme will be donating dust control for the ballfield road. Superintendent of Public Works Jancsi will verify the use in proximity to the water tower.

OLD BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Public Comment: Adam Cournaya commented on the Marihuana Ordinance. Ron Lauren thanked Supervisor Boogren.

Board Comment: Supervisor Boogren clarified there will not be dirt racing at the ice track. The Police Union contract will be finished soon.

Adjournment: Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Linnee
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett
Forsyth Township Clerk