

**Forsyth Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
Gwinn Community Center  
July 22, 2021**

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

**Board Members Present:** Supervisor Boogren, Treasurer Kevern, Trustee Bodenus and Trustee Heikkila

**Board Members Absent:** Clerk Borrett

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Bodenus, supported by Heikkila, to approve the Minutes from the June 24, 2021 Board Meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

**Agenda:** Motion by Kevern, supported by Boogren, to approve the agenda, as presented with the additions of: 11f. Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy, 11g. Austin Lagoon Monitoring Wells and 12d. Marihuana Ordinance. Motion carried.

**ACTIVE Acknowledgement – Steve Rehn:** Chief Kjellin introduced Former Police Chief Brad Arnsperger, stating that he was the Police Chief that started the ACTIVE program in Forsyth Township. He then introduced Steve Rehn as one of the first people to volunteer for the program. Mr. Rehn has been a volunteer for 23 years, which is equal to approximately 8,000 hours of volunteer time. He is leaving the area to pursue employment opportunities. Chief Kjellin went on to explain the duties of an ACTIVE member. He then presented Mr. Rehn a plaque honoring his 23 years of volunteer service.

**Public Comment:** Judy Berkseth commented on reimbursements for taxes not received. Randy Fagerberg commented on the Township's brush dump site. Brandon Bruce introduced himself as the Superintendent for Gwinn Area Community Schools. David Whaley commented on the odor of Marihuana growing in his neighborhood.

**Department Reports:** The following reports were placed on file: EMS, Assessing, Zoning, Senior Citizens Director, Fire, Library, Police, Emergency Management and Park & Recreation.

Trustee Heikkila questioned the status of the arborist scheduled for Nordeen Park.

**Attorney's Report:** Attorney Marin stated the 425 Agreement with West Branch is complete. She also commented on the American Rescue Plan.

**Approval of Bills & Vouchers:** Motion by Boogren, supported by Bodenus, to approve the bills and vouchers totaling \$50,550.85, as presented. Treasurer Kevern abstained. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township  
Bills For Approval  
7/22/21**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Auto-Value	Parts/Supplies-Various Departments	1,544.71
Airgas	PW FD Cylinder and Gases	117.36
Champion Glass	A/Z Safety Glass	951.62
College Laundry & Rentals	Uniform & Carpet Service	252.84
Compudyne	Computer Support	1,184.36
Dalco	PW CH/Parks Supplies	302.17
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Supplies	2,428.67
ETNA	Water Supplies	49.77
Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes	Attorney Fees	5,838.50
Fastenal	PW Supplies	598.54
Galls	Police Uniforms	125.34
JF Ahern	Various Dept Extinguisher Maintenance	1,517.65
Marin Law Firm, PLLC	Attorney Fees	750.00
Marquette County Clerks Assoc	Membership Dues	20.00
Menards	Various Dept Supplies	783.92
Michigan Assoc of Planning	A/Z Membership Renewal	60.00
Midway Rentals	PW Parts	14.60
MJ VanDamme	Ballfield Gravel	605.00
Modeltown Express	Various Dept Fuel	786.68
North Country Disposal	Containers and Dumps	250.00
North Country Septic	Portable Restroom	933.00
One Beat	EMS PD AEDs	5,523.00
Purchase Power	Postage	576.07
Quill Corporation	Various Dept Supplies	1,254.33
Range Telecommunications	Miss Dig	42.85
Remy Battery Co	PW Batteries	239.38
State of Michigan	Memorial Highway Signs	3,800.00
State of Michigan	PD Printing / PW Operator License	138.25
The Mining Journal	Publishing	2,857.07
The Office Planning Group	A/Z Copier	167.08
TransUnion	Background Checks	75.00
US Postal Service	SC Mailing	245.00
Wells Fargo	Various Dept Supplies	159.77
Wex Bank	Various Dept Fuel	3,125.91
Willey's Tire Shop	PW Tires	540.08
		<b>37,858.52</b>

**Forsyth Township  
Additional Bills For Approval  
7/22/21**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
American Welding	EMS Cylinder Rental	53.65
Ace Hardware	Various Dept Supplies	1,287.58
BS&A Software	Assessing Annual Service	1,355.00
Canon Financial	Copier	199.58
Card Connect	Tourist Park Reservations	10.00
City of Marquette	Water Bacteriological Analysis	75.00
Compudyne	Computer Support	150.00
Drug Screen Plus	PW Drug Screening	60.00
EJ USA	Water Parts	53.50
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Medical Supplies	236.20
Jamie Seagle	EMS License Reimbursement	25.00
Marquette County	Summer Deferment Ad	19.27
Menards	Various Dept Supplies	588.03
Modeltown Express	Various Dept Fuel	228.80
My Web Maestro	Website	18.03
Nagelkirk	Beautification	1,166.60
North Country Disposal	Dump Recycle	250.00
Northern Specialty Company	Receipt Books	477.15
Phil Lynch	Band for Senior Ice Cream Social Reimbursement for Tourist Park	700.00
Teresa Larson	Supplies	12.07
UPEA	Engineering/Ballfield Reimbursements	5,496.31
US Postal Service	SC Postage	87.08
USA Blue Book	Water Parts	143.48
		<b>12,692.33</b>
	<b>Original Bill Listing</b>	<b>37,858.52</b>
	<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>50,550.85</b>

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 83798-83980  
Voucher Numbers for Tax 2044-2045

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**EMS – Hire EMT (11a.):** Motion by Bodenus, supported by Kevern, to approve hiring MFR Dan Novak, as requested. Motion carried.

**EMS – Career Cert Renewal (11b.):** Motion by Boogren, supported by Kevern, to approve renewing the Career Cert subscription as presented, totaling \$1,496.25. Motion carried.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment (11c.):** Motion by Boogren, supported by Bodenus, to accept Gerald Devin’s resignation, with regret, for the Zoning Board of Appeals and to appoint Peggy Noha to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with the term to expire 12/31/22. Motion carried.

**P/R Committee – Marquette County Properties at KI Sawyer (11d.):** Motion by Kevern, supported by Boogren, to approve the recommendation from the Park and Recreation Committee to not accept the proposal from Marquette County for the recreational properties located at KI Sawyer. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Boogren explained one of the parcels included Little Trout Lake. He asked Deputy Supervisor Ron Lauren to meet with the Parks and Recreation Committee for recommendations needed to assume the property. Trustee Bodenus would like environmental testing prior to acquiring the property. Motion carried.

**PD – Garage Door (11e.):** Motion by Bodenus, supported by Kevern, to approve replacing the Rock Barn garage door for \$8,334.56, as recommended. Motion carried.

**Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy (11f.):** Motion by Boogren, supported by Kevern, to approve the Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy, as presented. Motion carried.

**Austin Lagoon (11g.):** Motion by Bodenus, supported by Boogren, to approve UPEA installing four groundwater monitoring wells for approximately \$20,000 plus the actual cost of the installation. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Prohibiting Supplemental Water Supplies Ordinance (12a.):** Treasurer Kevern would like this ordinance abolished because Marihuana business growers cannot use water from our system. Supervisor Boogren would like it rewritten to include proper connections as to not cross contaminate. He would like the Water and Sewer Committee to make a recommendation. Trustee Bodenus stated sewer usage would be metered. He would prefer total separation of the well and system usage. Treasurer Kevern commented on the urgency with Marihuana growers.

**Employee Manual (12b.):** Supervisor Boogren asked the Board to review the Employee Manual, sending any recommended changes to Board Secretary Stacy Linnee. She will create a draft with the recommended changes.

Supervisor Boogren informed the Board that all employees, less the Police and Superintendent Jancsi, are currently at an “at will” status under no contract, based on a vote to divest itself from the USW. He further stated, until there is a contract in place, it is his intention to continue paying under the current contract. He continued commenting that the employees need to realize they are in an “at will” status, with no protection right now.

**Brush Disposal Site (12c.):** Supervisor Boogren stated there was a great need to move the brush disposal site. Proper research will be done to have it moved legally. Trustee Bodenus questioned the

market for selling wood chips. Treasurer Kevern stated Superintendent Jancsi is working with EGLE and is pursuing applicable permits. Superintendent Jancsi stated EGLE stated permits are needed only for compost. No permits are needed for brush.

**Marihuana Ordinance (12d.):** Trustee Bodenus updated the Board on the Zoning portion of the Marihuana Ordinance. The Planning Commission suggested some changes. The Attorneys have cleared the suggestions and an email has gone out with the changes to the Planning Commission. The Public Hearing will be on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. The Planning Commission should have a recommendation after that. Trustee Bodenus stated it was a standard ordinance.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**Public Comment:** Randy Fagerberg commented on the brush disposal site, both current and future. Jessie commented on Marihuana use.

**Board Comment:** Supervisor Boogren thanked Public Works for getting the area ready for the upcoming Firemens Tournament. He also reminded everyone of the Highway Dedication.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Linnee  
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett  
Forsyth Township Clerk