

**Forsyth Township Board
Regular Meeting
Gwinn Community Center
October 28, 2021**

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

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Kevern, supported by Borrett, to approve the Minutes from the September 23rd, October 6th and October 12th Board Meetings, as presented. 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 as presented, with the addition of 10d. Police Chief Covid Bonus. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Scott Sather commented on Short Term Rentals. Sharon Maki commented on Short Term Rentals.

Department Reports: The following reports were placed on file: EMS, Assessing, Zoning, Senior Citizens Director, Fire, Library, Police, Emergency Management and Parks and Recreation. Clerk Borrett pointed out the Grant information in the Recreation Report. Supervisor Boogren stated it was the Build Back Better grant.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Marin stated that Attorney Kuschel was working on a consent order for the Bones blight issue. Attorney Kuschel is also working on the November 17th ZBA meeting regarding the Horseshoe Lake Campground issue.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Boogren, supported by Heikkila, to approve the bills and vouchers totaling \$92,831.88, as presented. Clerk Borrett and Treasurer Kevern abstained from the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Forsyth Township
Bills For Approval
10/28/21**

Vendor	Description	Amount
Auto-Value	Parts/Supplies-Various Departments	997.97
Anytime Fitness	PD Gym Memberships	2,500.00
A Lindberg & Sons	PW Gravel	2,534.79
Airgas	PW FD Cylinder and Gases	26.52

American Welding	EMS Oxygen	231.94
Apex Software	A/Z Software	470.00
BS&A	Tax Software	1,129.00
City of Marquette	Water Bacteriological Analysis	75.00
College Laundry & Rentals	Uniform & Carpet Service	374.63
Compudyne	Computer Support/Server Lease	2,095.43
Dalco	PW Supplies	228.13
Drug Screen Plus	Drug Screening	60.00
Elcom	FD Pagers	1,379.20
Emergency Medical Supplies	EMS Medical Supplies	2,923.67
Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes	Attorney Fees	9,355.00
Financial Systems Corp	Alarm Monitoring	299.25
Marin Law Firm, PLLC	Attorney Fees	750.00
Menards	Various Dept Supplies	485.53
MERS	Projection Study	3,300.00
Mike McBride	Drug Screen Reimbursement	67.00
Midway Rentals	PW Uniforms	157.98
MMTA	Treasurer Renewal	150.00
Modeltown Express	Fuel	3,965.93
North Country Disposal	Dump Recycle	250.00
North Country Septic	Portable Restroom	125.00
Northland Lawn Sport & Equip	PW Parts	199.99
Pomasl	FD Supplies	414.26
Quill Corporation	Various Dept Supplies	673.29
Range Telecommunications	Miss Dig/Locks	35.95
Remy Battery	PW Parts	12.11
Robert VandeZande	EMT Class Reimbursement	1,300.00
State of Michigan	Boiler Inspections/Printing/License	508.00
State of Michigan	Audit	15,525.00
State of Michigan	Water License Renewal	1,340.28
Tamara Baez	EMT Class Reimbursement	1,300.00
T.E.A.M.	KBIC Pass-through Agent	2,500.00
The Mining Journal	Publishing	1,623.51
The Office Planning Group	Copiers	633.25
TransUnion	Background Checks	75.00
UPEA	Engineering	1,472.50
UPHS	EMS Testing	55.00
UP Lab Testing	PW Testing	55.00
USA Bluebook	PW Parts	126.14
US Postal Service	SC Postage/Newsletter	209.63

West Shore Service	Siren Repair	16,352.50
Wex Bank	PD Fuel	64.75
		78,408.13

**Forsyth Township
Additional Bills For Approval
10/28/21**

Vendor	Description	Amount
American Welding	EMS Oxygen & Cylinder	127.89
Ace	Various Dept Supplies	715.96
Avis Ketola	SC Reimbursement	91.27
Bound Tree	EMS Medical Supplies	1,703.27
Crossroads Mini-Mar	PD Fuel	20.00
Len Fowler	Boot Reimbursement	250.00
Medline	EMS Medical Supplies	1,858.08
Michelle Borrett	SC Reimbursement	120.99
Modeltown Express	Fuel Various Depts	3,446.84
Motion Picture Licensing	CH Movie	263.35
North Country Disposal	Dumpsters/Recycling	250.00
Quill	Various Dept Supplies	19.38
RMS	PW Parts	50.80
State of Michigan	Tourist Park License Renewal	126.00
Swick	Boiler Agreement Renewal	318.00
Wells Fargo	Various Dept Supplies	302.92
White Water Assoc	Water Analysis	4,759.00
		14,423.75
	Original Bill Listing	78,408.13
	Total Accounts Payable	92,831.88

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 84305 - 84462
Voucher Numbers for Tax 2068 - 2071

ACTION ITEMS:

EMS – EMT Classes (10a.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Heikkila, to approve paying for Jaqueline Clairmont and Kevin Knoteck to attend an EMT Basic class with a two year minimum service contract. Supervisor Boogren stated the classes cost \$1,300 for each person. Trustee Bodenus commented on the two year minimum employment. Motion carried.

EMS – Hire Paramedic (10b.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Borrett, to approve hiring Britney Ekdahl to EMS. Motion carried.

Health Care Resolution (10c.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by Kevern, to approve the Exemption Option for the Health Care Resolution, as presented. Roll call: Clerk Borrett – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

Police Chief Covid Bonus (10d.): Motion by Borrett, supported by Bodenus, to approve a \$1,000 Covid Bonus for Police Chief Kjellin. Clerk Borrett clarified this bonus was given to the rest of the department, but Chief Kjellin was inadvertently missed. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Park Cameras (11a.): Treasurer Kevern explained a motion was made at last month’s meeting to approve a quote for putting cameras in the park. When the company came in to install the cameras, the cost doubled. Treasurer Kevern would like to seek other bids. Trustee Bodenus would like cameras added for the Tourist Park also. New bids will be presented at a further date.

Mixed Usage Ordinance (12b.): Clerk Borrett informed the Board that a property was being used for both commercial and residential. She asked the Board if she should pursue mixed usage zoning with the Planning Commission. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board for Clerk Borrett to pursue with the Planning Commission.

Short Term Rentals (12c.): Clerk Borrett stated that discussions were still ongoing for the need of a Short Term Rental Ordinance, however a bill has passed the House restricting local governments the ability to govern such properties. Discussion ensued between the Board and Residents. Supervisor Boogren would like a committee to look into regulating such properties. Supervisor Boogren and Trustee Heikkila will be part of a committee. They will solicit residents to be included in the committee.

OLD BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Public Comment: Karen Nelson commented on Short Term Rentals.

Closed Session: Collective Bargaining: At 7:13, motion by Supervisor Boogren, supported by Clerk Borrett, to approve going into closed session for collective bargaining discussions. Motion carried.

At 8:31, motion by Clerk Borrett, supported by Treasurer Kevern, to approve coming out of closed session. Motion carried.

Board Comment: Supervisor Boogren stated he appreciated the work Trustee Heikkila and Trustee Bodenus had done so far for the collective bargaining.

Adjournment: Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Linnee
Board Secretary

Michelle Borrett
Forsyth Township Clerk