

**Forsyth Township Board
Regular Meeting
Gwinn Community Center
July 28, 2022**

Treasurer Kevern called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Board Members Present: Treasurer Kevern, Trustee Bodenus and Trustee Heikkila

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Boogren and Clerk Lauren

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bodenus, supported by Heikkila, to approve the Minutes from the June 23, 2022 Board Meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Bodenus, supported by Heikkila, to approve the agenda with the addition of 100. Fire Truck Repair. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Pat Johnson commented on the condition of Southgate Drive.

Department Reports: The following reports were placed on file: EMS, Assessing, Zoning, Senior Center, Fire, Library, General Operating Financial, Emergency Management and Water Committee.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Blanck stated she had nothing pending.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Bodenus, supported by Heikkila, to approve the bills and vouchers totaling \$106,026.35, as presented. Motion carried.

**Forsyth Township
Bills For Approval
7/28/22**

Vendor	Description	Amount
Auto Value	Various Dept Parts	590.15
A Lindberg & Sons	Ballfield Gravel	324.45
Advanced Auto Parts	PD Parts	187.82
Airgas	PW/FD Cylinder Rental	110.17
American Welding	EMS Oxygen	217.84
Axon Enterprise	PD Body Cameras	1,079.22
Bergdahl's	PW Parts	336.98
Bound Tree	EMS Medical Supplies	352.40
BS&A Software	Assessing Annual Support	1,400.00
City of Marquette	Water Testing	75.00
College Laundry & Rentals	Uniform & Carpet Service	183.37
Crossroads Minimart	PD Fuel	21.23

Dalco	PW Supplies	489.04
Drug Screen Plus	PW Testing	60.00
Elcom	Various Dept Parts	4,971.99
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Medical Supplies	786.77
Ferno	EMS Medical Supplies	3,312.39
Galls	PD Uniforms	119.04
Gwinn Elementary Indian Ed Tutor	KBIC Pass-through Agent	5,000.00
Integris	Computer Support	1,069.00
Jerry's Small Engine Repair	PW Parts	341.42
Joe & Sons Service Center	PD Tire	293.36
Lee Desotell	Metal Hauling	287.81
Marquette County Health Dept	Campground Inspection	196.00
Menards	Various Dept Supplies	560.31
Mission One Exterminating Co.	PD Exterminating	30.00
Nagelkirk	Beautification Flowers	524.17
North Country Disposal	Dump Recycle & Community Clean Up	590.00
North Country Septic	Portable Restrooms	440.00
O'Dea, Nordeen and Pickens PC	Attorney Fees	2,668.00
Paul Sirois	Reimbursement for Testing	38.00
Pomasl	FD Uniforms	922.13
Quill	Various Dept Supplies	619.88
R&R Fire Truck Repair	FD Uniforms & Annual Testing	21,373.67
Range Telecommunications	Miss Dig & PD Restocking Fee	252.62
Sid Harvey Industries	Water Parts	408.16
Snyder Drug Store	Various Dept Supplies	141.13
Spielbauer Fireworks	Fireworks	8,800.00
Standard Electric	Ballfield Lights	568.19
Stryker	EMS Medical Supplies	488.22
Superior Lock & Security	Cameras & Door Repair	5,492.10
T.E.A.M	KBIC Pass-through Agent	2,500.00
The Office Planning Group	A/Z Copier	12.80
TransUnion	PD Background Checks	75.00
UPEA	Engineering Services	19,666.70
UP Office Equipment	SC Copier	330.00
US Postal Service	SC Postage	86.53
VFW	Street Dance Band	1,000.00
Wex	Various Dept Fuel	5,972.98
Willey's Tire Shop	PD EMS Tires	1,202.06
Yooper Boy Services	Tree Service	500.00

Total

97,068.10

**Forsyth Township
Additional Bills For Approval
7/28/22**

Vendor	Description	Amount
Ace Hardware	Various Dept Supplies	719.14
Elcom	EMS Batteries	125.00
Emergency Medical Products	EMS Medical Supplies	261.09
Field Training Solutions	PD Training	295.00
Financial Systems Corp	OFF/AZ Alarm Monitoring	478.80
Galls	PD Uniforms	931.95
JF Ahern	FD ABC Chemical	550.00
North Country Disposal	Portable Restrooms	440.00
Quill	Various Dept Supplies	15.29
Sands Township	SC Pavilion Rental	75.00
Sid Harvey Industries	Water Parts	-20.61
Spectrum	Election Supplies	270.00
Superior Lock	Cameras	6,092.00
Swick Plumbing & Heating	Boiler Service Renewal	318.00
The Gwinn Fire Fund	FD Training Expenses	2,400.00
UPAA	A/Z Training	150.00
UPEA	Engineering	(5,492.10)
Yoopers Boy Services	PW Tree Removal	300.00
Wells Fargo	Supplies for Various Dept	1,049.69
		8,958.25
	Original Bill Listing	97,068.10
	Total Accounts Payable	106,026.35

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 85603 - 85759

Voucher Numbers for Tax 2112 - 2125

ACTION ITEMS:

EMS – Purchase Turbo for 101 (10a.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by Kevern, to approve the turbo on Ambulance 101, not to exceed \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

EMS – Pay Increase (10b.): Motion by Heikkila, supported by Kevern, to approve the EMS pay increase per EMS Director Anthony Baez request. Discussion ensued. Treasurer Kevern stated he'd like to

consider all positions. Trustee Heikkila commented on waiting for the Emergency Manager Pay Increase until next month also. Motion amended by Heikkila, support amended by KeVERN, to wait until next month's meeting. Motion carried.

EMS – Payroll Position (10c.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by KeVERN, to approve making the EMS payroll position a paid position, as recommended. Discussion ensued. Motion amended by Bodenus, support amended by KeVERN, to wait until next month's meeting. Motion carried.

EMS – Hire EMT (10d.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by KeVERN, to approve hiring EMT Tanya Savage, as recommended. Motion carried.

A/Z – Mixed Usage Corridor (10e.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by KeVERN, to approve the Zoning Text Amendment and Mixed Usage Corridor, as presented. Motion carried.

A/Z – Appoint ZBA Member (10f.): Motion by Heikkila, supported by KeVERN, to appoint Cindy Bridges to the vacant position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

FD – Purchase Uniforms (10g.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by Heikkila, to approve purchasing Fire Department uniforms, totaling \$8,250.00. Trustee Heikkila asked how long the uniforms last and are they replacing uniforms. Emergency Management Director stated the uniforms last for a very long time and are shareable by size. Motion carried.

Emergency Management – Purchase Generators (10h.): Motion by Heikkila, supported by KeVERN, to approve the generators as outlined by Mr. Hillock. Discussion ensued. Emergency Manager Hillock went over the spreadsheet he created from the bids he received. Motion amended by Heikkila, support amended by KeVERN, to approve the Emergency Management quote from Code Electric for the 22,000 watt generators, for the Clubhouse and Police Department, as presented. Motion carried.

W/S Committee – 305 N. River Dr. (10i.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by KeVERN, to approve adjusting the water/sewer bill for 305 N. River Drive, as recommended. Motion carried.

W/S Committee – 220 N. Elm St. (10j.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by KeVERN, to approve taking no action for the water/sewer bill for 220 N. Elm Street, as recommended. Motion carried.

W/S Committee – 180 N. Pine St. (10k.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by KeVERN, to approve taking no action for the water/sewer bill for 180 N. Pine Street, as recommended. Trustee Heikkila asked why no action was being taken. Treasurer KeVERN explained there is currently a business and home at this address. Motion carried.

Short-Term Rental Ordinance. (10l.): Motion by Heikkila, supported by KeVERN, to adopt the Short Term Rental Ordinance. Roll call: Trustee Heikkila – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Treasurer KeVERN – yes. Clerk Lauren – absent, Supervisor Boogren – absent. Motion carried. Trustee Heikkila stated more employee hours may be needed for the work this will cause the Assessing and Zoning Office.

Fireworks Application (10m.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by KeVERN, to approve the Fireworks application for the Gwinn All Sports Booster Club, as presented. Treasurer KeVERN stated this will be a short display. Motion carried.

General Records Retention and Disposal Schedule Resolution (10n.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by Kevern, to approve the General Records Retention and Disposal Schedule Resolution, as presented. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Clerk Lauren – absent, Supervisor Boogren - absent. Motion carried.

Fire Truck Repair (10o.): Motion by Kevern, supported by Heikkila, to approve the Fire Truck rail repair by R&R Fire Truck Repairs, not to exceed \$10,000. Treasurer Kevern explained there was rust present on the rails that support the water bladder. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Emergency Management Pay Increase (11a.): This will be moved to next month’s meeting

Hire Laborer (11b.):

Motion by Heikkila, supported by Kevern, to hire 2 laborers for Public Works. Trustee Bodenus questioned why this was not in the Action area. He would have liked to research, before taking action. Treasurer Kevern stated both were already working for the Township. Bookkeeper Rodgers stated there was only one laborer budgeted. Motion amended by Heikkila, support amended by Kevern, to hire one laborer. Discussion ensued. Motion amended by Heikkila, support amended by Kevern, to wait until August meeting to decide. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Road Easement (13a.): Trustee Heikkila questioned the type of development. Kyle Aho explained the type of development, but needed to know if an easement was possible. EGLE will regulate the type of development for the property. Treasurer Kevern explained where the easement was being requested. Trustee Bodenus again requested Action to be in Action Items.

It was the consensus of the Board to have our attorney draw up an easement.

Public Comment: Kyle Aho commented on the condition of the Blight property on Stratofort. Jesse Melchori commented on the Blight property on Stratofort.

Board Comment: Trustee Heikkila inquired about the Library and Museum roof. Superintendent of Public Works Jancsi will contact the contractor for inspection.

Adjournment: Treasurer Kevern adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Linnee
Board Secretary

Ron Lauren
Forsyth Township Clerk