

**Forsyth Township Board
Regular Meeting
Gwinn Community Center
July 25, 2024**

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

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Kevern, supported by Lauren, to approve the Minutes from the June 27, 2024 and July 16, 2024 Board Meetings, as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Bodenus, supported by Kevern, to approve the agenda with the addition of 11h. Water Service Line Inventory Potholing Project Resolution and 12b. Road Committee FY2025 Recommendations. Motion carried.

Public Comment: John Kay commented on Commercial Truck Traffic on Crestview Drive.

Department Reports: The following reports were placed on file: Assessing, Senior Center, Fire, Library, Police, Public Works and General Operating Financial. Trustee Bodenus asked if the light poles in Little Lake are still targeted for August. Superintendent Jancsi informed the Board that the contractor is still expecting to get to them in August. Trustee Heikkila asked about the Library signs in the park. Superintendent Jancsi confirmed.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Nordeen referred to a report he handed out to the Board. He briefed the Board on the items he is still working on. Trustee Heikkila stated she understands the Right to Farm Act and GAAMPs is constantly changing but would like the Zoning updated. Attorney Nordeen explained the two Acts and how it affects zoning. Supervisor Boogren would like the AV Rental sewer issue completed.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Boogren referred to an email he had sent the Board updating them on the water funding. He will also forward an email regarding Mango Properties. He suggested Banshee Park updates be added to the next capital improvements plan.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Bodenus, supported by Lauren, to approve the bills and vouchers totaling \$206,003.17, as presented. Treasurer Kevern abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

**Forsyth Township
Bills For Approval
7/25/24**

Vendor	Description	Amount
A. Lindberg & Sons	PW Gravel & Road Work	8,790.70
Airgas	PW Cylinder Rental	38.36
Amazon Business	Supplies for Various Dept	875.22
American Welding & Gas	EMS Oxygen	243.53
Auto Value	Parts Various Dept	2,467.81
Bound Tree	EMS Medical Supplies	2,018.03
BS&A Software	Assessing Annual Support	1,588.00
City of Marquette	Bacteriological Analysis	75.00
Drug Screens Plus	Drug Screening	48.00
Etna	Water Supplies	848.00
GFS	SC Food	143.37
Gwinn Fire Fund	Reimbursement for Water	307.68
ImperialDade	PW Supplies	341.55
Integriss	Computer Support & Equipment	5,393.22
Joe's Carpet Cleaning	PD Carpet Cleaning	160.00
Katie Holt	PD Badges	60.00
Kustom Signals	Speed Sign	3,807.00
Menards	Various Dept Supplies	1,735.05
Midway Rentals	PW Tools and Equip	76.20
Modeltown Express	Fuel	4,042.54
NMU	PD Training	20.59
O'Dea, Nordeen and Pickens	Attorney Fees	400.00
Pitney Bowes	Ink Cartridges	398.37
Quill	Various Dept Supplies	465.86
Range Telecommunications	PW Miss Dig	273.15
Standard Electric	PW Concession Stand Parts	3,288.77
Swales Plumbing & Heating	Office Heat Repair	238.82
The Minig Journal	Publishing	295.60
The Office Planning Group	SC Copier	423.72
Todd Patterson	Reimbursement for FD Parts	206.95
Unifirst	Carpet/Uniform Service	439.40
UPEA	Engineering	10,214.80
UP Lab Testing	Drug Screening	30.00
Wells Fargo	Various Dept Supplies	703.20
Total		50,458.49

**Forsyth Township
Additional Bills For Approval
7/25/24**

Vendor	Description	Amount
A. Lindberg & Sons	PW Gravel	405.70
Ace	Various Dept Supplies	5,407.76
Amazon	A/Z PD Supplies	98.63
Code Electrical	Office Remodel	9,750.00
Country Mile Doc Destruction	PD Shredding	57.77
Ferno	EMS Medical Supplies	454.00
Fox Marquette	PD Parts	314.60
ImperialDade	PW Supplies	550.11
MDOT	M-35 Project	108,920.03
North Country Disposal	Dump Recycle and Tires	3,518.50
Pride Printing	Transfer Station Slips	656.01
Quill	Various Dept Supplies	148.12
Range	EMS Repair	100.00
Standard Electric	PW Parts	56.18
Stenberg Brothers	Restrooms for Sawyer Event	275.00
UPEA	Engineering	24,832.27
		155,544.68
Original Bill Listing		50,458.49
Total Accounts Payable		206,003.17

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 88995-89155
 Voucher Numbers for Tax 2266

ACTION ITEMS:

Animal Control Ordinance (11a.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by Lauren, to approve the Animal Control Ordinance and Notice of Adoption, as presented. Roll call: Supervisor Boogren - yes, Clerk Lauren - yes, Treasurer Kevern - yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes. Motion carried.

Crestview Drive Ordinance (11b.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Bodenus, to approve the Crestview Drive Road Ordinance, with commercial trucks weighing more than - to be determined - weight. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Boogren asked the Board how they would like to limit the trucks. Attorney Nordeen handed out a document that showed different types of commercial equipment and how much they weigh. Trustee Bodenus stated he would like to wait before determining a weight. Trustee Heikkila stated we have waited long enough. Supervisor Boogren reminded the Board that there were no comments made during the Public Hearing. This road is specific as it has a conglomerate

of gravel pits. Trustee Heikkila recommended 12 thousand pounds. Motion rescinded by Boogren, support rescinded by Bodenus. Motion by Boogren, supported by Lauren, to approve the Crestview Drive Road Ordinance, with commercial trucks weighing more than 12 thousand pounds, and Notice of Adoption, as presented. Roll call: Trustee Bodenus – no, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Clerk Lauren – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes. Motion carried 4-1

AV Counting Board Resolution (11c.): Motion by Lauren, supported by Heikkila, to approve the Resolution to Establish Absent Voter Counting Boards, as presented. Clerk Lauren explained the need for the Counting Board Resolution. Roll call: Clerk Lauren – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

MCRC Construction Agreement (11d.): Motion by Kevern, supported by Lauren, to approve the Marquette County Road Commission Construction Agreement, as presented. Treasurer Kevern explained that the Chip Seal/Crack Fill and Flex Patch extends the life of the road with minimal cost. The roads involved will be Johnson Lake Road, Sharkey Road and Ski Hill Road. Motion carried.

Office Assistant (11e.): Motion by Boogren, supported by Lauren, to approve hiring Gina LaBre as the Forsyth Township Office Assistant, effective immediately. Motion carried.

Beautification Committee Resignation (11f.): Motion by Bodenus, supported by Kevern, to accept the resignation with regret, of Pat Forchini and Marilyn Vercellino, co-leaders of the Forsyth Township Beautification Committee. Supervisor Boogren thanked them for their years of service. He hopes someone will volunteer to lead the Beautification Committee. Motion carried.

Senior Center Picnic (11g.): Motion by Kevern, supported by Heikkila, to approve the Senior Center using \$1,300.00 to come from donations, to host a Senior Picnic. Director Borrett stated it will be held August 21st. Motion carried.

Water Service Line Inventory Potholing Project Resolution. (11h.): Motion by Kevern, supported by Heikkila, to approve the Resolution to Award the Forsyth Township Water Service Line Inventory Potholing Project to U.P. Environmental Services, Inc. and bid, as presented. UPEA Representative Kevin Nancarrow introduced himself and asked the Board if they had any questions. Roll call: Clerk Lauren – yes, Supervisor Boogren – yes, Trustee Heikkila – yes, Trustee Bodenus – yes, Treasurer Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Community Cleanup Costs (12a.): Supervisor Boogren explained the cleanup cost in June was approximately \$25,000 plus the cost to dispose of tires. Superintendent Jancsi estimated the cost to dispose of the tires was approximately \$10,000. However, he was under the impression that because of the tire grant, there would be no cost. Attorney Nordeen will research the charge of disposal. He also was under the impression that there would not be a cost or limit. Since the budgeted amount for the cleanup was exhausted, it was the consensus of the Board to omit the fall cleanup. Supervisor Boogren also asked the Board to consider options for defraying costs for the cleanup.

Road Committee FY2025 Recommendations (12b.): Treasurer Kevern informed the Board of the recommendations of the Roads Committee to repair a portion of Sporley Lake Road, all of High and Low Streets in Austin, and a portion of Boulder Street. Treasurer Kevern and Clerk Lauren suggested the

entirety of Boulder Street being repaired. Most Board Members drove Crooked Lake Lane and agreed that Sporley Lake Road is in desperate need of repair. Treasurer Kevern stated that funding is an issue. Supervisor Boogren notified the Board of Grants that are being pursued for KI Sawyer roads. The Marquette County Road Commission is pursuing those grants.

Motion by Lauren, supported by Heikkila, to approve the recommended road projects of Sporley Lake Road, High and Low Streets and Boulder Streets. Motion amended by Lauren, support amended by Heikkila, to include all of Boulder Street. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Master Plan Update (13a.): Clerk Lauren referenced a progress report from CUPPAD on the advancement of the Master Plan. Clerk Lauren stated this is a grant paid project.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Public Comment: Ken Dillinger commented to put Banshee Park in the Recreation Plan. Joanne VanWagner commented on Crestview Drive Commercial Truck Traffic.

Board Comment: Clerk Lauren thanked Public Works for cleanup at the Rifle Range. Supervisor Boogren asked about the road condition to the Rifle Range. Trustee Heikkila stated the Sawyer Sizzle was a great event. She also attended the MTA conference in Harris which was very informative. Supervisor Boogren reminded the Board that training will be imperative for the upcoming staff changes.

Adjournment: Supervisor Boogren adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Linnee
Board Secretary

Ron Lauren
Forsyth Township Clerk