

**Forsyth Township Board  
Special Meeting  
Gwinn Community Center  
March 24, 2026**

Supervisor Kevern called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Supervisor Kevern, Clerk Lauren, Trustee Hammond and Trustee Fowler

**Board Members Absent:** Treasurer Underwood,

**Also Present:** Bookkeeper Carter and Department Heads.

**Agenda:** Motion by Lauren, supported by Fowler, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Fiscal Year 26/27 Budget Workshop:** Bookkeeper Carter summarized the proposed budget. Supervisor Kevern expressed his concerns with putting money into the Police Building, as it is in poor condition. Clerk Lauren commented on the deficit for the Transfer Station. He and Supervisor Kevern believe concerns over the cost of the Transfer Station need to be addressed. Clerk Lauren would like retirement added to the Water budget. Discussion was heard regarding an all-encompassing building. Clerk Lauren stated there are lagoon repairs that need to be completed. Supervisor Kevern asked Interim Superintendent of Public Works/Trustee Fowler to inventory Public Works equipment and sell what is no longer useful to the Department. The budget will be updated with changes needed in the water fund and sewer fund.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Hire Water Operator (7a.):** Motion by Hammond, supported by Lauren, to approve hiring Jeffrey Pohlman as Water Operator, effective immediately. Mr. Pohlman will give his current employer notice and will start after that notice is complete. Supervisor Kevern and Trustee/Interim Superintendent of Public Works Fowler interviewed Mr. Pohlman. They stated he interviewed well and has many talents. Motion carried.

**Retiree Health Care Extension (7b.):** Motion by Lauren, supported by Hammond, to approve extending Lynn Rodgers' single health, dental and vision care benefits to expire 12/31/26. Clerk Lauren stated she is still assisting with finances. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Interim Manager (8a.):** Clerk Lauren stated he has reached out to ICMA/MME Senior Advisor Ray Anderson regarding our Township Manager's recent resignation. Mr. Anderson was the manager for Norway City and an Interim manager for Munising. He believes Mr. Anderson would be an asset in managing our Township and finding a permanent manager. He is interested in helping the Township.

**Motion by Lauren, supported by Kevern, to hire Interim Manager Ray Anderson. Details will be forthcoming. Motion carried.**

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comment:** Trustee Hammond complimented Public Works and Marquette County Road Commission for snow removal from the resent blizzard. He also would like Nathan Carter to shadow the Water Operator, as he is going to school for that position. Supervisor Kevern would like Clerk Lauren and Trustee Fowler to participate in TPOAM negotiations.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Kevern adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Linnee  
Board Secretary

Ron Lauren  
Forsyth Township Clerk