Forsyth Township Board
Regular Meeting
Gwinn Community Center
June 25, 2026

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

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

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Pickens, Interim Manager Ray Anderson, a number of township employees and concerned citizens.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Hammond, supported by Fowler, to approve the minutes from May 28th, June 3rd and June 17th Board Meetings, as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Lauren, supported by Underwood, to approve the agenda, with the additions of: Data Center Presentation from Zoning Administrator Crystal Carter - to be held right after the approval of the agenda, 10j. Data Center and Cryptocurrency Mining Moratorium Resolution, 10k. EMS – Stryker Quote and Deletion of: 16. Closed Session. Motion carried.

Data Center Presentation from Zoning Administrator Crystal Carter: Zoning Administrator Crystal Carter introduced herself. She explained that the Zoning Enabling Act states you cannot tell anyone they cannot do something with their property. You can, however, regulate. She recommends that the Board adopts a Moratorium to give time to research data centers and decide what regulations should be imposed in our township. No applications have been received to this date. Transparency is paramount.

Public Comment: George Sibley commented on hydrant mowing. Tim Vanderwall commented on KI Sawyer roads. Sue Wakkuri commented on data centers. Kathy Hart commented on rezoning. Lincoln Thompson commented on data centers. He gave the Board a document regarding data centers. Elizabeth Lazard commented on KI Sawyer. Keith LaCosse commented on data centers. Cheryl Kelly commented on KI Sawyer and data centers. John Kelly commented on KI Sawyer and data centers. Jodi Walimaki commented on data centers. Tammy Wills commented on data centers. David Stahmann commented on roads. Rich Kolakovich asked for clarification on the sanitary lines. Manager Anderson is getting more information. Mary Jo Paris asked about the sanitary lines. Bill Hemmila asked about easements for the sanitary lines. Dave Daughtery commented on water issues. Kathy Allen commented on the roads and Roads Committee. Mary Jo Paris commented on roads.

Manager's Report: Interim Manager Anderson referenced a report that he provided in the board packets. He asked the Board if they had any questions. Supervisor Kevern stated the Manager is intending on having a Town Hall Meeting on data centers.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Pickens had no written report. He then referenced a data center case that is still ongoing. Clerk Lauren asked if Attorney Pickens had drafted ordinances on this subject. Attorney Pickens affirmed.

<u>Approval of Bills & Vouchers</u>: Motion by Hammond, supported by Underwood, to approve the bills and vouchers totaling $176,927.64, as presented. Supervisor Kevern abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Forsyth Township
Bills For Approval
6/25/26

Vendor	Description	Amount
A Lindberg & Sons	PW Gravel	474.60
A Cut Above Tree & Lawn Care	PW Tree Removal & Maintenance	18,600.00
Airgas	PW Cylinder Rental	64.78
American Welding & Gas	EMS Oxygen	141.71
Avis Ketola	Reimbursement for Boots	149.99
Baril Engine	PW G-Truck Repair	805.21
Bound Tree	EMS Medical Supplies	1,110.82
City of Marquette	PW Water Testing	75.00
Cody Reed	Reimburse for Training Meal	22.68
DSC Communications	FD Siren	399.00
ElectionSource	Election Supplies	65.01
Heiman	FD Equipment	209.80
Honor CU	Various Dept Supplies	1,363.10
Impact EMS Training	EMS K9 Training	1,368.00
ImperialDade	PW Bleach	914.00
Integris	Computer Support	7,003.62
Jeff Pohlman	Reimbursement for Boots	217.30
Jackson-Hirsh	EMS Supplies	72.76
Jefferson Fire & Safety	FD Fire Truck Accessories	4,741.15
Jesse Cadwell	Reimbursement for Training Meal	14.15
JF Ahern	Various Dept Fire Equip	312.44
Kay's Dirtworks	Blight Cleanup	1,698.00
Kim Davis	Reimburse for Flag	142.98
Marquette County	Summer Deferment Ad	24.47
Marquette Twp Fire & Rescue	FD Fit Testing	250.00
Mason Kovarik	Reimbursement for Boots	119.24
Matt Perala	Reimbursement for Training	148.00
Matt Pickett	Ballfield Dugout Labor	3,500.00
Menards	Supplies Various Dept	937.93
Michelle Borrett	Reimburse for Postage & Supplies	348.44
Mikes Auto	PW Vehicle Repair	10,063.04
MJ VanDamme	PW Ballfield Dust Control	1,800.00
MML	Fireworks Insurance	750.00

Modeltown Express	Various Dept Fuel	1,277.54
My Web Maestro	Web Hosting	270.00
North Country Disposal	Blight Cleanup & Portable Restrooms	938.75
Nye Uniform	PD Uniforms	259.05
O'Dea, Nordeen, Burink, Pickens	Attorney	2,655.00
OK Rental Sales	PW Trimmers & Parts	944.99
O'Reilly Auto Parts	PW Parts	605.42
RDA Services LLC	Interim Manager	10,078.92
Pomasl Fire Equip	FD Bunker Gear	29,022.71
Quill	Various Dept Supplies	313.38
Range	Miss Dig Calls	11.20
RD Services	Interim Manager Expenses	10,078.92
Signs Unlimited	PD Lettering	685.00
Snyder Drug Store	Supplies Various Dept	89.90
State of Michigan	MDOT Water Project	2,651.30
State of Michigan	PD Prints	42.00
TEAM Riders	KBIC Pass-through	2,500.00
Tequila Nekhay	Reimbursement for License	144.00
The Mining Journal	Publishing	1,368.00
The Uniform Shoppe	FD Uniforms	400.00
TransUnion	PD Background Checks	100.00
Unifirst	Carpet/Uniform Service	326.44
US Postal Service	SC Postage	69.78
Wex Bank	Fuel Various Dept	5,465.62
Wolfe Communications	EMS Pagers	8,128.35
Total		**136,333.49**

Forsyth Township
Additional Bills For Approval
6/25/26

Vendor	Description	Amount
Auto Value	Various Dept Parts	6,145.55
Ace Hardware	Various Dept Supplies	960.06
Amazon	PD Candy	330.58
Jefferson Fire & Safety	FD Hydrant Parts	687.77
JF Ahern	Various Dept Fire Inspections	2,019.40
J Wright & Co.	PW Electrical Repairs	2,875.00

Joseph Clairmont	Reimbursement for Boots	106.53
Kody Peterson	Ice Track Area Planting	6,000.00
Menards	Various Dept Supplies	1,978.37
Phoenix Safety Outfitters	FD Uniforms	390.00
Pitney Bowes	Postage	1,009.75
Quill	SC Supplies	256.44
The Office Planning Group	Copier Overage	85.43
Treado Engineering	Engineering	10,000.00
Unifirst	Carpet/Uniform Svc	229.57
UPEA	Engineering	7,519.70
		40,594.15
	Original Bill Listing	**136,333.49**
	Total Accounts Payable	**176,927.64**

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 92157 - 92300
Voucher Numbers for Tax 2470

ACTION ITEMS:

PD – Garage Roof Repair (10a.): Motion by Fowler, supported by Hammond, to approve the quote from Bell Roofing to replace the roof on the Police Department attached garage for $21,900.00, as presented. Motion carried.

Loan Resolution (10b.): Motion by Underwood, supported by Lauren, to approve the Loan Resolution, as presented. Roll call: Trustee Hammond – yes, Trustee Fowler – yes, Clerk Lauren – yes, Treasurer Underwood – yes, Supervisor Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

Sewer Rate Resolution Amendment (10c.): Motion by Kevern, supported by Lauren, to approve the Sewer Rate Resolution Amendment, as presented. Roll call: Clerk Lauren – yes, Supervisor Kevern – yes, Trustee Fowler – yes, Trustee Hammond – yes, Treasurer Underwood – yes. Motion carried.

Water Rate Resolution Amendment (10d.): Motion by Lauren, supported by Fowler, to approve the Water Rate Resolution Amendment, as presented. Roll call: Treasurer Underwood – yes, Clerk Lauren – yes, Trustee Fowler – yes, Supervisor Kevern – yes, Trustee Hammond – yes. Motion carried.

W/S Committee – 42 E. Blueberry St. (10e.): Motion by Underwood, supported by Hammond, to approve adjusting the bill for 42 E. Blueberry Street, as recommended. Motion carried.

W/S Committee – 126 E. Blueberry (10f.): Motion by Hammond, supported by Underwood, to approve adjusting the bill for 126 E. Blueberry Street, as recommended. Motion carried.

Purchase Tires for EMS and Fire Dept (10g.): Motion by Hammond, supported by Underwood, to approve purchasing tires for EMS and the Fire Department, not to exceed $23,000.00. Public Works Superintendent Zack Kevern explained it was going to be a little more than $23,000.00. Motion amended by Hammond, support amended by Underwood, to approve purchasing Tires for EMS and the Fire Department, not to exceed $24,000.00. Motion carried.

FD - Training (10h.): Motion by Fowler, supported by Underwood, to approve $2,000.00 for Fire Department training, as requested. Motion carried.

EMS – Purchase Laptops with Cases (10i.): Motion by Underwood, supported by Hammond, to approve EMS purchasing 2 IPads with cases for $2,438.80 plus taxes and shipping. Motion carried.

Data Center and Cryptocurrency Mining Moratorium Resolution (10j.): Motion by Underwood, supported by Fowler, to approve the Data Center and Cryptocurrency Mining Moratorium Resolution, as presented. Roll call: Trustee Fowler – yes, Trustee Hammond – yes, Treasurer Underwood – yes, Clerk Lauren – yes, Supervisor Kevern – yes. Motion carried.

EMS – Stryker Quote (10k.): Motion by Hammond, supported by Fowler, approve the Stryker Quote for maintenance of EMS equipment totaling $8,901.00, as presented. $2,967.00 to be paid annually for 3 years. EMS Director Kim Davis explained the need for the equipment maintenance. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Public Comment: Keith LaCosse commented on the Moratorium and data centers. Elizabeth Lazard commented on data centers. Mary Jo Paris commented on the water and sewer rates. Sue Wakkuri commented on power lines and data centers. Lincoln Thompson commented on data centers. Jessie Lundstrom commented on data center ordinances. Teri Scott commented on data centers. George Sibley commented on fire hydrants and the cemetery. Cheryl Kelly commented on KI Sawyer. A resident asked if Bandstand will be refurbished. Tammy Wills commented on data centers. David Stahmann commented on the Moratorium.

Board Comment: Supervisor Kevern thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Closed Session: Collective Bargaining: Deleted

Adjournment: Supervisor Kevern adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Linnee
Board Secretary

Ron Lauren
Forsyth Township Clerk