Forsyth Township Board
Special Rescheduled Regular Meeting
Gwinn Community Center
July 22, 2026

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

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

Board Members Absent: Treasurer Underwood and Trustee Fowler

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Lauren, supported by Kevern, to approve the minutes from the June 25th, July 1st and July 13th Board Meetings, as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Hammond, supported by Lauren, to approve the agenda, with the addition of 10g. Bond Authorizing Ordinance. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Dave Daughtery commented on his water issue.

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. He stated he has been working on the utility issue and setting up Town Hall Meetings.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Nordeen referenced a report he presented to the Board. He has been working on issues with Zoning, Police and the Manager. He is in contact with Mr. Boogren regarding the lease for the dry hydrant. Mr. Jakubowski is waiting for paving prior to releasing an easement. It was the consensus of the Board for Attorney Nordeen to dismiss working on payments from the Medical Examiner.

Approval of Bills & Vouchers: Motion by Lauren, supported by Hammond, to approve the bills and vouchers totaling $94,277.50, as presented. Supervisor Kevern abstained. Motion carried 2-0.

Forsyth Township
Bills For Approval
7/22/26

Vendor	Description	Amount
Airgas	PW Cylinder Rental	51.85
All-Phase	PW Supplies	222.48
Amazon	PD Supplies	576.40
American Welding & Gas	EMS Oxygen	137.75
Bound Tree	EMS Medical Supplies	897.33
City of Marquette	PW Water Testing	75.00

Cody Reed	Reimburse for Training Meal	22.52
Core & Main	PD Water Supplies	1,577.42
Drug Screen	PW Drug Testing	68.00
Forsyth Fire Dept	FD Training	2,000.00
Galls	PD Uniforms	52.50
Gordon Food Service	SC Supplies	30.43
Gunnar Nordeen	Reimbursement for Boots	150.00
Hannula Agency	FD Insurance	1,957.64
Honor CU	Various Dept Supplies	1,088.16
Integris	Computer Support	841.70
Jefferson Fire & Safety	FD Fire Truck Accessories	2,645.84
JF Ahern	Various Dept Fire Equip	1,331.73
J Wright & Co.	PW Streetlight Repairs	350.00
Kipling Belcher	Mileage & Travel Expenses	300.00
Menards	Supplies Various Dept	910.81
Michelle Borrett	Reimburse for Coffee & Birthday Supplies	74.28
Michigan Townships Assoc.	Office Training	48.45
Michigan Wisconsin Spring & Brake	PW Parts	1,895.90
Modeltown Express	Various Dept Fuel	1,261.62
Nagelkirk	Beautification Flowers	1,662.95
North Country Disposal	Portable Restrooms	215.00
O'Dea, Nordeen, Burink, Pickens	Attorney	2,790.77
O'Reilly Auto Parts	PW Parts	290.84
RDA Services LLC	Interim Manager	7,065.50
Pomp's Tire	PW Tires	813.84
Quill	Various Dept Supplies	598.98
Range	Miss Dig Calls & PD Phone	655.81
Ray Juidici	Reimbursement for Boots	150.00
RD Services	Interim Manager Expenses	7,065.50
Red Power Diesel	FD Truck Repair	802.42
Spielbauer Fireworks	Fireworks	13,350.00
State of Michigan	PD Toke/VPN & Prints	156.00
Steven Mulka	Mileage & Travel Expenses	100.00
Superior Lock & Security	PW Monitoring	359.88
The Mining Journal	Publishing	1,384.00
TransUnion	PD Background Checks	100.00
Truck Equipment	PW Parts	659.78
Unifirst	Carpet/Uniform Service	409.54
US Postal Service	SC Postage & Permit	526.00
USABlueBook	Water Parts	130.81
Wex Bank	Fuel Various Dept	5,199.52

Total	**63,054.95**

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Additional Bills For Approval
7/22/26

Vendor	Description	Amount
A1 Sport & Welding	PW Oxygen	8.83
Ace Hardware	Various Dept Supplies	547.65
Amazon	PD Supplies	37.89
Bound Tree	EMS Medical Supplies	419.80
BS&A Software	Assessing Annual Support	1,681.00
D2BG	PW Zoning Vehicle Stickers	579.90
Election Source	Election Supplies	916.65
Galls	PD Uniforms	88.38
ImperialDade	PW Supplies	1,075.18
Line-X of Escanaba	PW Bedliner	700.00
Medline	EMS Medical Supplies	158.46
Menards	Various Dept Supplies	898.00
Michelle Borrett	Reimbursement for Senior Picnic Supplies	2,005.83
Midway Rentals	PW Hydraulic Fluid	82.17
OK Industrial	PW Supplies	473.64
OK Rental Sales and Service	PW Parts	492.84
O'Reilly	PW Parts	226.74
Pitney Bowes	Postage	2,532.25
Pomp's Tire	FD Tires	17,315.63
Quill	PW Supplies	9.89
Unifirst	Carpet/Uniform Svc	274.44
US Post Office	SC Postage	72.69
USABlueBook	PW Parts	308.69
White Water Assoc.	Water Analysis	316.00
		31,222.55
	Original Bill Listing	**63,054.95**
	Total Accounts Payable	**94,277.50**

Voucher Numbers for GO, Police, Clubhouse, Ambulance, Library, Water & Sewer: 92301-92442
Voucher Numbers for Tax 2470

ACTION ITEMS:

Zoning – Rezone 381 E. M35 (10a.): Motion by Hammond, supported by Lauren, to approve Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2026-Z1, as presented. This is rezoning parcel 52-05-430-002-00 from Commercial C-1 to Mixed Use MU. Roll call: Supervisor Kevern – yes, Clerk Lauren – yes, Trustee Fowler – yes, Treasurer Underwood – absent, Trustee Fowler – absent. Motion carried.

Zoning – Cleanup 2104 E. Co. Rd. 456 (10b.): Motion by Lauren, supported by Hammond, to approve the Cleanup of 2104 E. Co. Rd. 456, as recommended by the Blight Committee. Motion carried.

Outdoor Assembly License Application (10c.): Motion by Hammond, supported by Lauren, to approve the Outdoor Assembly License Application for National Night Out, as presented. The event will be held on August 8th. Motion carried.

Procurement Policy (10d.): Motion by Lauren, supported by Kevern, to approve the Procurement Policy, as presented. Motion carried.

Investment Policy (10e.): Motion by Hammond, supported by Lauren, to approve the Investment Policy, as presented. Motion carried.

W/S Committee – 9 N. Billings St. (10f.): Motion by Lauren, supported by Hammond, to approve adjusting the bill for 9 N. Billings Street, as recommended. Motion carried.

Bond Authorizing Ordinance (10g.): Motion by Hammond, supported by Lauren, to approve the Bond Authorizing Ordinance No. 2026-2, as presented. Clerk Lauren informed the residents that this project has already been completed. Roll call: Supervisor Kevern – yes, Clerk Lauren – yes, Trustee Hammond – yes, Treasurer Underwood – absent, Trustee Fowler – absent. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Heric Drive Sewer Analysis (11a.): Engineer Treado updated the Board on the Heric Drive Sewer project. He referenced a cost analysis he presented to the Board for the Depot Road option, which was $400,000 and Heric Drive option, which was $80,000. The most feasible option was to install a small lift station on Heric Drive, which will be connected by going under the river. Engineer Treado and Mr. Robare would like permission to proceed with this option and continue to the next phase of the project. Attorney Nordeen asked who would be paying for this option. Engineer Treado would like the Township to pay for a portion of the project. Attorney Nordeen and Supervisor Kevern suggested Engineer Treado put together a proposal. Engineer Treado would like engineering costs for $7,500 for bidding and permitting. Mr. Robare would like the decision to be made soon, as it has taken so long. A decision can be made next week at a Special Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Public Comment: Mr. Daughtery questioned the Engineer needed for his water issues.

Board Comment: Supervisor Kevern stated there will be a Town Hall meeting set up at the KI Sawyer school. Clerk Lauren informed the Board and Residents that the new fire truck is ready. Trustee Hammond asked about a controlled burn of a house. Attorney Nordeen will investigate the process.

Closed Session:

At 6:55 p.m., motion by Kevern, supported by Lauren, to approve going into Closed Session to consider the dismissal, suspension, or discipling of an employee, per MCL15.268(1)(a). Roll call: Clerk Lauren – yes, Supervisor Kevern – yes, Trustee Hammond – yes, Trustee Fowler – absent, Treasurer Underwood – absent. Motion carried.

At 7:18 p.m., motion by Kevern, supported by Lauren, to approve coming out of closed session. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Supervisor Kevern adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Linnee
Board Secretary

Ron Lauren
Forsyth Township Clerk