

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2014
TOWNSHIP OF FOREST – BEATRICE BANYAS – CLERK**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Price. Board members present were: Supervisor, Mary Ann Price; Clerk, Beatrice Banyas; Treasurer, Linda Smoke, Trustees: Al Sorge and Mark Martin.

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Martin, to accept the agenda for the February 12, 2015 meeting as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Sorge, seconded by Smoke, to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held January 08, 2015 as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Banyas, to accept the Treasurers reports for general, fire and garbage funds as presented. Banyas, yes; Martin, yes; Smoke, yes; Sorge, yes; Price, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Sorge, to accept the bills submitted for February, 2015 payment, General Fund - checks numbered 19750 through 19804 Fire Assessment - checks numbered 12520 through 12533 Garbage Assessment - check number 9035. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Price, yes; Banyas, yes; Sorge, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Janella Wagner, 12175 Goudy Lake Rd. Otisville, spoke regarding getting the speed limit lowered on Wilson Rd. and/or a caution light because of the many accidents that have occurred on Wilson Rd. and also about getting a hidden drive sign for Goudy Lake Rd.

Bob Breckenridge, Forest Township Zoning Administrator, discussed with the Board various items that he addressed through the last month.

Motion by Price, seconded by Smoke to adopt a resolution to set the 2015-2016 Budget Hearing and the Truth and taxation Hearing to March 12, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. All yes, motion carried.

A 2015-2016 Budget workshop has been set for Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Price, seconded by Banyas, to appoint Bob Bowen as a member of the Forest Township Board of Review due to the resignation of Denny Merkle. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to set the Board of Review dates as follows: Organizational meeting: March 3, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. – Board of Review Hearing on March 10, 2015 at 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. and 6 P.M. to 9 P.M. – Board of Review Hearing on March 11, 2015 at 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. and 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Sorge, to adopt a resolution to follow the Federal Poverty Resolution benchmarked for the 2015 Board of Review. Roll call vote: Price, yes; Sorge, yes; Martin, yes; Smoke, yes; Banyas, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Compensation Commission report: The Commission met four times within three weeks. Their decision was to give the Clerk's office a 1.6% raise and to make no changes in the Supervisor, Treasurer and Trustee offices. No decision by the Township Board was made.

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Martin, to contribute \$750 to 2015 Genesee County Household Hazardous Waste. Roll call vote: Martin, no; Sorge, no; Price, no; Banyas, no; Smoke, no. All no, motion defeated.

The Village of Otisville has requested that Forest Township help pay the cost for paving Kurtz Street. It was discussed with no decisions made.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Price, to adopt a resolution to accept bids for 14405 Taylor Rd., Millington – March 1st through March 20th - starting at \$8,000 minimum, with a stipulation in the contract that the house be demolished within one year. Roll call vote: Banyas, yes; Smoke, yes; Sorge, yes; Price, yes; Martin, yes. All yes, motion carried.

A letter received from Jeffrey Bernard regarding the decision by the Board in January 8, 2015 regular meeting was discussed. It is the consensus of the Board to not change its resolution set at the January 8, 2015 meeting to refund only the 2013 tax year special assessment.

There is to be a Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14, 2015 at 4 P.M. behind the Township Hall. People are welcome to bring their flags in to be properly and legally burned.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Banyas, to have the carpet in the Forest Township Library, the Forest Township Offices and the stage in the hall cleaned. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Price, yes; Martin, yes; Sorge, yes; Banyas, yes. All yes, motion carried.

It is the consensus of the Forest Township Board to not have the Townships maintenance man Mark Nagayda build a 33 by 6 ft. high DVD holder in the Forest Township Senior office.

Supervisor Price adjourned the meeting at 8:23 P.M.

Submitted by Beatrice Banyas - Clerk

