

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON MARCH 12, 2015  
TOWNSHIP OF FOREST – BEATRICE BANYAS – CLERK**

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Supervisor Price. Board members present were: Supervisor, Mary Ann Price; Clerk, Beatrice Banyas; Treasurer, Linda Smoke; Trustees Mark Martin and Al Sorge.

Motion by Price, seconded by Smoke, to accept the agenda for the March 12, 2015 meeting as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Sorge, to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held February 12, 2015. All yes, motion carried.

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

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Martin, to adopt a resolution to amend the 2014-2015 budget as follows:

1. Transferred to account #101171740 Supervisor – Supplies \$171.
2. Transferred to account #101171860 Supervisor – Ed and Training \$201
3. Transferred to account #101191740 Elections – Supplies \$260
4. Transferred to account #101191750 Elections – Postage \$500
5. Transferred to account #101301860 Police Dept. – Education and Training \$52
6. Transferred to account #101850706 Payroll Expenses – Hospitalization \$276
7. Transferred to account #101850707 Payroll Expenses – In Lieu Hospitalization \$2092

Total \$3552

Transferred from account #101440801 Public Works – Contractual Services \$3552

Roll call vote: Banyas, yes; Martin, yes; Smoke, yes; Sorge, yes; Price, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Supervisor Price recessed the regular meeting at 7:32P.M. and opened the Truth and Taxation and Budget Hearing at 7:32 P.M.

The budget for 2015-2016 was presented and discussed. There were no changes made to the presented budget. The property tax millage rate to be levied for the 2015-2016 year is .9266. There were no comments from the guests attending.

Truth and Taxation and Budget Hearing was closed at 7:47 P.M. and the regular meeting re-opened at 7:47 P.M.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Martin, to accept the bills submitted for March, 2015 payment, General Fund - checks numbered 19805 through 19858, Fire Assessment - checks numbered 12534 through 12543, Garbage Assessment - check number 9036. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Price, yes; Martin, yes; Sorge, yes, Banyas, yes. All yes, motion carried.

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

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Sorge, to adopt a resolution to extend the mowing contract with Wayne Nelson – Creative Lawn and Landscaping for the 2015 summer season with no changes from 2014-2015. Roll call vote: Martin, yes; Sorge, yes; Price, yes; Banyas, yes; Smoke, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to proclaim May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Law Day. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Pried, seconded by Martin, to adopt a resolution to proclaim April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as “Stand Up for Transportation Day”. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to approve Supervisor Mary Ann Price and Clerk Beatrice Banyas (Debbie) to sign CDBG documents on behalf of Forest Township municipality. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Martin, to adopt a resolution to continue leasing building at Forest Meadows to the DNR but to increase rent from \$400 to \$425 per month. Roll call vote: Price, yes; Smoke, yes; Sorge, yes; Martin, yes; Banyas, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Sorge, to adopt a resolution to accept the Forest Township Compensation Commissions decision to raise the Forest Township Clerk’s Office 1.5 percent which will make the clerks annual wage to \$28,770.87 from \$28,345.68. Roll call vote: Martin, yes; Sorge, yes; Price, yes; Smoke, yes. Banyas abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Price, to adopt the following resolutions, by consent agenda for the budget year 2015-2016:

To enact the General Appropriations Act for the General Fund Budget year 2015-2016 General Fund Revenue - \$560,866. General Fund Expenditures - \$560,866.

To enact the General Appropriations Act for the Special Fire Assessment Fund Budget Year 2015-2016. Special Fire Assessment Revenues - \$194,516. Special Fire Assessment Expenditures - \$194,516.

To enact the General Appropriations Act for the Special Assessment Garbage Fund Budget Year 2015-2016. Special Assessment Garbage Revenue - \$195,780. Special Assessment Garbage Expenditures - \$195,780.

To set the Township meeting, times and places for the 2015-2016 year. Forest Township Board of Trustees meeting are the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M. Planning Commission Board meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. Zoning Board of Appeals will be the first Thursday of the month as needed. All meetings will be held at the Forest Township Hall, 130 E. Main St., Otisville. Meetings dates, times and location will be posted if changed.

To leave the yearly salaries of the Supervisor, Treasurer and Trustee’s the same as 2015-2016. Supervisor - \$29,692.28; Treasurer - \$28,345.68; Trustee’s - \$2,252.49. To set the annual Clerks salary at \$28770.87.

To use First Merit Bank for investments and checking for the 2015-2016 year.

To approve the .9266 tax levy for the 2015-2016 tax year as presented by the assessor. Roll call vote: Banyas, yes; Sorge, yes; Smoke, yes; Price, yes; Martin, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Robert Breckenridge, Chairman of the Planning Commission, informed the Township Board that that the Planning Commission revoked a conditional use permit for parcel number 09-28-400-014 located at 10221 State Rd. Otisville now owned by US National Bank.

Motion by Price, seconded by Banyas, to reappoint Robert Breckenridge to the Forest Township Planning Commission term April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and to reappoint Dan Stinson to the Forest Township Planning Commission term to start April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 through March 31, 2017. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Banyas, to adopt a resolution to accept terrorism insurance coverage. Roll call vote: Smoke, no; Banyas, no; Price, no; Sorge, no; Martin, no. All yes, motion defeated.

Supervisor Price adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Submitted by Beatrice Banyas - Clerk