

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 08, 2016
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. Absent and Mark Martin

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Smoke, to accept the agenda for the September 08, 2016 meeting as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Sorge, seconded by Smoke, to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held August 11, 2016. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Banyas, to accept the Treasurers reports for general, fire, garbage funds and Patricia Dr. Special Assessment as presented. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Sorge, yes; Price, yes; Martin, yes; Banyas, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Smoke, to amend the 2016-2017 fire assessment budget as follows:

Transferred to account #206905901 Fire Assessment-Debt Services Loan Interest \$350.45
Transferred from 2016-2017 Budget Beginning Balance \$350.45.

Transferred to account #206905900 Fire Assessment-Debt Services Loan Principle \$7,076.96
Transferred from 2016-2017 Budget Beginning Balance \$7,076.96.

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

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Martin, to accept the bills submitted for September, 2016 payment, General Fund - checks numbered 20679 through 20724 Fire Assessment - checks numbered 12803 through 12816 Garbage Assessment - check number 9054. Roll call vote: Banyas, yes; Martin, yes; Price, yes; Sorge, yes; Smoke, 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 Price, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to accept the Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance #2016-10 as presented by Supervisor Price. Roll call vote: Banyas, yes; Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Price, yes; Sorge, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Martin, to allow the Friends of the Library to sell old loveseats that were in the Forest Township Library and donate the money to the Friends of the Library. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Price, yes; Sorge, yes Banyas, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Property Maintenance Code was tabled to a later date giving the Board more time.

Supervisor Price tabled the regular meeting and called the Forest Township Fire and Garbage Assessment Hearings to order at 7:38P.M.

The Forest Township Board has no plans in changing the fire assessment. It is necessary to hold a hearing annually for legal reasons. There were no comments from guests regarding the fire assessment.

Treasurer Smoke informed the Board in order to keep the contract with Waste Management correct it is necessary to raise the garbage assessment by \$10 a month to \$140 from \$130 a month. The contract with Waste Management increases every year also the contract is up December 31, 2018. The garbage assessment was last raised to \$130 in 2011.

Supervisor Price closed the Fire and Garbage Assessment Hearings and reopened the regular meeting at 7:53 P.M.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Price, to adopt a resolution to continue as last year with no increase on the fire assessment being \$80 for improved property and \$40 for vacant land, also parcels with apartments and manufactured home parks being \$80 per kitchen. Roll call vote: Martin, yes; Sorge, yes; Price, yes; Banyas, yes; Smoke, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Banyas, to adopt a resolution to increase the annual Garbage Assessment fee \$10 to \$140 from \$130. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Banyas, yes; Price, yes; Sorge, yes; Martin, yes; All yes, motion carried.

Fire Chief Dave Lutze Requested the Board to hire a new firefighter name Riley Upthegrove. It is the practice of the board that until the new firefighters have taken Firefighters 1 & Firefighters 2 they will be paid minimum wage until classes are finished.

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Smoke, to hire Riley Upthegrove onto the Forest Township Fire Department. He will receive minimum wage until he has finished Firefighters 1 & 2 which then he will receive regular pay per hour. All yes, motion carried.

Supervisor Price adjourned the meeting at 8:07 P.M.

Submitted by Beatrice Banyas - Clerk