

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 11, 2013
TOWNSHIP OF FOREST – BEATRICE BANYAS – CLERK**

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

Motion by Martin, seconded by Sorge, to accept the agenda for the April 11, 2013 meeting as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Martin, to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held on March, 14, 2013. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Smoke, to accept the minutes from the Special meeting held on March 25, 2013 with the following amendments: To omit the property tax millage rate proposed for 2013-2014 at .9266 as it was not mentioned at the meeting and the resolution for the budget year 2013-2014 should read 2013-2014. All yes, motion carried.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget year 2013-2014 will be .9266 mill.

Motion by Price, seconded by Sorge, to amend the resolution regarding the budget 2013-2014 from the special meeting held on March 25, 2013 to include the acceptance of the proposed tax millage rate for 2013-2014 will be .9266. All yes, motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed by the Township Board.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Smoke, to accept the bills submitted for April, 2013 payment, checks numbered 18655 through 18696 – General Fund, checks numbered 12178 through 12189 – Fire Assessment, check number 9012 – Garbage Assessment with the addition of payment of \$222.37 to Genesee County Treasurer, payment to Home Depot for \$157.32 and taken from income a \$200 refund for hall rental. Roll call vote: Price, yes; Sorge, yes; Martin, yes; Banyas, yes; Smoke, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Bob Breckenridge, Chairman of the Planning Commission, presented to the Township Board a stand alone ordinance regarding regulation of Medical Marihuana within Forest Township.

It was the consensus of the Board to send the ordinance regarding Medical Marihuana to the Townships attorney to look at and give his opinions.

Forest Township Zoning Administrator Bob Breckenridge presented and discussed with the Township Board eight (8) items that he is dealing with through the last month.

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Sorge, to allow Robin Sutphin to place a concrete statue of a lion next to the grave of her mother in Smith Hill Cemetery as there are no openings for graves next to the mother with the understanding that she will pay for a foundation before the statue is placed. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Banyas, to adopt a resolution to send \$4000 to Southern Links Trailway for our 2013 contribution. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Banyas, yes; Price, yes; Sorge, yes; Martin, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Martin, to adopt a resolution to purchase 2 Apex V5 pro licenses one for the assessor's office and one for the Supervisors office. Maintenance will cost \$214 per machine per year. Roll call vote: Martin, yes; Banyas, yes; Sorge, yes; Smoke, yes; price, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Fire Chief Dave Upthegrove discussed with the Board about purchasing a 4X4 All Terrain Vehicle for grass fires and medical runs in areas that the fire department cannot drive to. He had two estimates, one from Shiawassee Sports Center for \$11,510.94 and one from Chatman's Sports Center for \$10,914. The Forest Township Firefighters Association will purchase the trailer which will be needed to haul it to calls. He also asked that the Board check into purchasing a grass fire truck as the one they have now, purchased in 1978, is beyond repair. Chief Upthegrove had a price on a truck estimated at \$28,177.16 with the 1st Attack Engineering Inc. Fast Attack Conversion at \$49,130 for a total of \$77,307.16.

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to purchase from Chapman's Sports Center, Inc. a 2013 800 Ranger EFI 4X4 for use in grass fires and medical runs. The price is \$10,914. Roll call vote: Banyas, yes; Martin, yes; Sorge, yes; Smoke, yes; Price, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Sorge, to purchase a medical truck for the Forest Township Fire Department at a price of \$28,177.16 for the Chevy 3500 Extended Cab Truck and 1st Attack Engineering Inc. doing the conversion at a price of \$49,130 after full payment of the truck is made. The total price will be \$77,307.16 which will be financed through Citizen's Bank (First Merit Bank) with a 6 year contract. Roll call vote: Price, yes; Sorge, yes; Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Banyas, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Banyas, to adopt a resolution to contract with Genesee County Road Commission for 2013 to chloride the gravel roads two (2) times in Forest Township. Genesee County will pay for the first application and Forest Township will pay \$28,471.59 for the second application. Roll call vote: Sorge, yes; Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Price, yes; Banyas, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to contract with Consumers Energy replacing lighting, lamps and ballasts at the Fire Hall and Library with cost saving LED lights. Roll call vote: Banyas, yes; Martin, yes; price, yes; Smoke, yes; Sorge, yes. All yes, motion carried.

It is a consensus of the Board to have Bob Breckenridge send a second letter to the owners of a dangerous barn located at 8431 Frances Rd. to give the owners a 30 day time limit on demolishing the barn.

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Martin, to pay Joan Snyder \$25 to buy flowers which will be planted at the library. Roll call vote: Banyas, yes; Price, yes; Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Sorge, yes. All yes, motion carried.

The Planning Commission approved a cost recovery ordinance at their April meeting and presented it to the Township Board for review.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Banyas, to accept the Cost Recovery Ordinance to review and make any changes that are needed and pursue it within 60 days. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Smoke, to maintain the same fees for Building permit fees that Forest Township has had since 2001. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to accept the Board Meeting Policy as presented by Supervisor Price. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to leave the 2013-2014 yearly salaries of the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustee's the same as 2012-2013. Supervisor - \$29,692.28; Clerk and Treasurer - \$28,345.68; Trustee's - \$2,252.49 and to continue to use Citizen's Bank (First Merit Bank) for investments and checking for the 2013-2014 year. Roll call vote: Price, yes; Banyas, yes; Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Sorge, yes. All yes, motion carried.

There were three estimates for replacing fencing in Smith Hill Cemetery along Cemetery Road. Liberty Fence \$7245 Michigan Fence Company \$10,725 and Action Fence \$11,097.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Sorge, to adopt a resolution to accept the estimate received from Liberty Fence to put new fencing up along Cemetery Road in Smith Hill Cemetery cost is \$7245. Roll call vote: Sorge, yes; Martin, yes; Price, yes; Smoke, yes; Banyas, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Banyas, to adopt a resolution to hire Creative Lawn and Landscaping to remove trees and old fence along Cemetery Road in Smith Hill Cemetery. Roll call vote; Banyas, yes; Sorge, yes; Marin, yes; Smoke, yes; Price, yes. All yes, motion carried

Supervisor Price adjourned the meeting at 8:54 P.M.

Submitted by Beatrice Banyas - Clerk