

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 08, 2013
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 Mark Martin and Al Sorge.

Motion by Price, seconded by Smoke, to accept the agenda for the August 08, 2013 meeting as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Martin, to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held July 11, 2013. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Price, to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Martin, yes; Smoke, yes; Sorge, yes; Price, yes; Banyas, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Sorge, to accept the bills submitted for August, 2013 payment, General Fund - checks numbered 18843 through 18888, Fire Assessment - checks numbered 12232 through 12244, Garbage Assessment - check number 9016. Roll call vote: Banyas, yes; Smoke, yes; Martin, yes, Price, yes; Sorge, 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.

Fire Chief Dave Upthegrove informed the board that the Forest Township Firefighters Association wants to donate the trailer, purchased by the Association, to the Forest Township Fire Department. The trailer is used for transporting the ATV to emergencies.

Supervisor Price tabled the regular meeting and opened the Fire Assessment Hearing and the Garbage Assessment Hearing at 7:32 P.M.

The Township Board has no plans on changing the assessment. It is necessary to hold a hearing yearly for legal reasons. There were no comments from the guests attending.

Treasurer Linda Smoke informed the board that she sees no reason at this time to change the Garbage Assessment. There were no comments from the guests attending.

Supervisor Price closed the Fire Assessment and Garbage Assessment Hearings and reopened the regular meeting at 7:38 P.M.

Motions by Smoke, seconded by Martin, to adopt a resolution to open an escrow checking account at First Merit Bank under the name Township of Forest, Escrow for Township of Forest vs. Jennifer Megie, for the \$20,000 bond from Jennifer Megie to hold until the house located at 11261 Irish Rd. is brought up to code. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Price, yes; Banyas, yes; Sorge, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Martin to adopt a resolution to open a new account in Quickbooks software in which to place the \$20,000 bond from Jennifer Megie. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Price, yes; Banyas, yes; Sorge, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Brian Roach has asked to board to buy back a cemetery lot he had bought in 1990 – Laing F Lot 11 Grave 4. The Forest Township Rules and Regulations for Smith Hill Cemetery states that the Township will buy back graves if proof of purchase is shown and board approval is given. Mr. Roach does have the proof of purchase of \$250 at time of purchase.

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to buy back one grave located in Smith Hill Cemetery – Laing F Lot 11 Grave 4 - from Brian Roach for \$250 which is the cost at time of purchase. Roll call vote: Banyas, yes; Sorge, yes; Martin, yes; Banyas, yes; Smoke, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Smoke, to donate the use of the softball diamonds in Pettit Park for a tournament on September 21, 2013 during the Otisville Hot Dog Festival. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Price, to accept the Audit for 2012-2013 from King and King CPAs LLC. Roll call vote: Banyas, yes; Martin, yes; Sorge, yes; Price, yes, Smoke, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Supervisor Price adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Submitted by Beatrice Banyas - Clerk