

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 09, 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, Trustee's Mark Martin and Al Sorge.

Guests attending: Charles Daenzer, Mark Merriam, Darlene Hicks, John Wahlers, Staranne Maxson, Eleanore Garrett, Norman Garrett, Bob Breckenridge and Pegge Adams.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Smoke, to accept the agenda for the October 09, 2014 meeting as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Sorge, to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held September 11, 2014 as presented. All yes, motion carried.

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

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Smoke, to amend the 2014-2015 Fire Department Budget as follows:

Placed in Account # 206000578 Fire Department Grant Fund - \$3,000.

Placed in Account # 206337980 Fire Department Grant Equipment - \$3,000.

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

Motion by Martin, seconded by Sorge, to accept the bills submitted for October, 2014 payment, General Fund - checks numbered 19562 through 19600 Fire Assessment - checks numbered 12449 through 12456 Garbage Assessment - check number 9030. Roll call vote: Price, yes; Smoke, yes, Martin, yes; Banyas, yes; Sorge, yes. All yes, motion carried.

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

It is the consensus of the Township Board to send the weed ordinance drafted by Attorney Mike Gildner to the Planning Commission for their thoughts and ideas.

Supervisor Price tabled the regular meeting at 7:30 P.M. and opened the Genesee County 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) hearing at 7:30 P.M.

The Board discussed ideas for use of \$24,682 awarded Grant Funds of Forest Township from the Community Development Grant Program of Genesee County 2015 program. The list is as follows:

1. Demo of 14405 Taylor Rd. owned by Genesee County Land Bank.
2. Build a pavilion behind the Township Hall/Offices.
3. Code enforcement for low/moderately low income (we have none in Forest Township)
4. Clean up/pick up day for Forest Township (hazardous waste, prescriptions, etc.)
5. Paying for residential mowing that is a blight issue.
6. A literacy or recycling program in Otisville Elementary.

7. Paying part of the paving of Kurtz St. in the Village of Otisville where the Forest Township Fire Department is located.
8. A fire pit and wood benches behind the Forest Township Hall for use by the Forest Township Seniors.

Supervisor Price adjourned the CDBG Hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to accept the estimate of \$2,753 from State Building Co., Davison, MI 48423 to furnish labor and materials to remove steel door & frame, haul away, dispose, install new door, frame with key pad entry at the Forest Township Fire Hall north pedestrian door entrance. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Banyas, yes; Price, yes; Sorge, yes; Martin, no. Motion carried.

Pegge Adams and Staranne Maxson showed the Township Board and guests a presentation on fracking.

John Wahlers asked the board to allow him to trap at Forest Meadows.

It is the consensus of the Township Board to not allow anyone to trap at Forest Meadows.

The Village of Otisville asked the board to help form a committee with the Village and others to help see if a Senior Citizen Living Community would be possible.

Motion by Price, seconded by Smoke, to have Al Sorge, Mary Ann Price and Linda Smoke serve on a committee together with the Village of Otisville and others to check into the possibilities and ways to develop a Senior Citizen Living Community in the Village of Otisville. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to support the Genesee County Parks 55% increase which is being asked for on the November 04, 2014 General Election Ballot. Martin, yes; Sorge, no; Price, no; Banyas, abstained, Smoke, no. Motion defeated.

Motion by Price, seconded by Martin, to adopt a resolution to accept the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commissions Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Roll call vote: Banyas, yes; Sorge, yes; Smoke, yes; Price, yes; Martin, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Banyas, seconded by Sorge, to allow Pat Barker permission to place a bench on her future grave in Smith Hill Cemetery as it will be a monument bench. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to extend the snow removal contract with Wayne Nelson – Creative Lawn and Landscaping with no changes from the 2013-2014 winter. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Sorge, yes; Banyas, yes; Price, yes; Martin, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Banyas, to adopt a resolution to extend contract with MFM Networks, Inc. for 40 hours of tech support starting July 1st, 2014 on all office computers. The cost is \$4,000. Roll call vote: Sorge, yes; Price, yes; Banyas, yes; Martin, yes; Smoke, yes. All yes, motion carried

Supervisor Price adjourned the meeting at 9:08 P.M.

Submitted by Beatrice Banyas - Clerk

