

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Ford Town Board
April 15, 2008 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall

1. Present: Katie Kerr, Kim Johnson, Doug Bassett, Edna Cole and Sarah Berry.
Citizens present: Dan Plattner, John Lucking, Vic Stenberg, Vern Veenhuis
2. Set and Approve Agenda: M/S/C by Johnson and Bassett to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Johnson and Bassett to amend the agenda and move Approval of minutes to the end of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
3. DNR Presentation. Keith Simar from the DNR presented the proposed trail system for the Snake River State Forest. There will be public meetings in August to present the proposed trails to the public. The public will have about 2 weeks after the meetings to make comments before the final decision on the trails is made. At this time they are proposing that all trails south of the Chelsey Brook Road will be closed trails. They will be adding some hunter walking trails in this area. North of the Chelsey road they will not be allowing off trail traffic. They will be adding a couple of access trails and some of the existing trails will be abandoned. The DNR is putting together teams of people to help educate the public about the OHV rules in the area. This process needs multi-representation so that this will work for all involved.
4. Treasurer's report. Clerk and Treasurer presented the March Cash Control Statements that balanced with each other. Cole presented a proposal for transferring of funds. Motion by Johnson and Bassett to transfer \$20,000 from the road and bridge fund to the general fund and \$2,500 from the road and bridge fund to the Fire Fund. Motion carried unanimously. Cole presented a contract for Steve Kerr for 2008. Motion by Bassett and Johnson to approve the contract presented by Steve Kerr. M/S/C by Kerr and Bassett to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Review and Approval of Claims for payment. M/S/C by Kerr and Bassett to approve the claims as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.
Payroll checks #2002-2010 totaling \$2,216.71 ; claims # 6302-6314, paid by checks # 2011-2021 and eft 85 & 86 totaling \$6,802.57.
6. Citizen Comment. Dan Plattner asked the board if his future home would be grandfathered in since he has well and electric running to the house as well as purchased some of the materials for it. Johnson stated that since

he has not broken ground and started, that he felt it would not be grandfathered in.

John Lucking asked how long until citizens would be able to begin building projects. Johnson responded that we are working through the zoning/subdivisions as quickly as we can and that the board wants to have the moratorium lifted as soon as possible so that citizens can build this summer.

Vic Stenberg wanted to make sure that his neighbors could continue on with their building. They began work on the structure last summer.

Johnson responded that they are grandfathered in.

Vern Veenhuis thought the board should look at downsizing the size for single dwelling homes.

7. Old Business

- a. North TH 65 Corridor Coalition: No new information at this time
- b. Road and Bridge: Bassett presented a waiver for the tree cutting in the right of way. We will have the township attorney look the document over.
- c. Planning Commission: Public Hearings are being held on R1, R2 and Commercial. Motion by Johnson and Kerr to enter into an agreement with Michelle Jagusch for clerical services up to 10 hours. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Spring Short Course: Cole has given board members information from the course.
- e. Fire Proof Safe: tabled any discussion
- f. County wide Sign Program: Bassett will be the primary contact and Berry will be the secondary contact for the project.

8. New Business.

- a. Kanabec Township Association: Kerr and Bassett attended the meeting. Election filing will take place August 26-September 9, Levy rates are available for comparison, Les Nielson, County Commissioner asked if there were areas the townships wanted addressed by the commissioners.
- b. Request for information form & procedure: Cole put together a folder with all the information in it. This will be filed at the town hall.
- c. Decision to publish a summary of Comprehensive Plan Resolution: Cole presented a possible write up for publication. Motion by Johnson and Kerr to publish the Comprehensive Plan Resolution. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kerr and Bassett to approve the verbage of the publication. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Violation of Interim Ordinance Template/Procedure: Anyone seeing a violation of the ordinance will contact the clerk and the clerk will schedule an emergency meeting. The template will be filled out

and it will be hand delivered to the person who is in question of violation of the ordinance.

- e. Department of Agriculture: Clerk will contact Robert Sipp and let him know he is welcome at any of the planning commission meetings.
- f. Discussion about feed lot research: Cole presented information on feed lots she received from the Short Course Township Meetings.
- g. Meeting Schedules:
 - 1. Public Hearing Continuance: April 29
 - 2. Possible Public Hearing: May 13
 - 3. Planning Commission: May 6
 - 4. Planning Commission: May 20

9. Mail: Reviewed by the Board.

10. Review and approval of minutes: M/S/C by Johnson and Kerr to accept the December 18th Planning Commission minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C by Johnson and Kerr to accept the March 4th Planning Commission minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C by Johnson and Bassett to approve the March 3rd Special Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Board reviewed the 2008 annual meeting minutes.

11. M/S/C by Kerr and Bassett to continue this meeting on April 29th following the Public Hearing to review and approve minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Meeting was reconvened on Tuesday, April 29th at 8:05 p.m.

13. Discussion was held on the zoning process.

14. Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C by Johnson and Kerr to approve the minutes from the March 18th regular board meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C by Bassett and Kerr to approve the minutes from the March 18th Joint Board and Planning Commission meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C by Bassett and Johnson to approve the minutes from the Proposed Comprehensive Plan Public Hearings on March 11th and March 18th as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C by Johnson and Kerr that anytime we record Public Hearings or Regular Board Meetings, unless we state at that meeting that it will be part of the permanent record, then it will only be used for clerical purposes and then will be destroyed. Motion carried unanimously.

M/S/C by Kerr and Bassett to approve the minutes from the Interim Ordinance Public Hearings on March 17th and 18th as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Adjournment: Motion by Johnson and Kerr to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Sarah Berry, Clerk of Ford Township