

The Fork Township Supervisor, Jack Bark Sr., called the regular meeting of the Fork Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was recited.

Roll call of board members: Jack Bark Sr., Cathleen A. Martin, Patti McNeilly, Penny Huffman and John Singer all present.

Approval of the Minutes: Penny Huffman moved to approve the minutes of 12-15-08 with the following corrections; Under Fire Department correct the minutes to show that Brian David, Assistant Fire Chief presented the reports to the board, also under Board of Review Members change their term to a two year term. Patti McNeilly seconded. All ayes, motion carried

Treasurers Report:

General Fund	\$196,384.01
Fire Department	\$ 18,152.97
Fire Equipment	\$138,909.60
First Responders	\$ 12,766.78
Flake Cemetery	\$ 16,500.00
Tax Collection	\$103,520.97
West Chippewa	\$ 1,959.19
Merrill Lake Roads	\$ 1,404.51
Merrill Lake Park	\$ 187.60

John Singer moved to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Penny Huffman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of the Bills: Cathleen Martin moved to approve the following checks;

General Fund	checks # 8585-8615	totaling \$ 10,863.95
Fire Department	checks # 3468-3480	totaling \$ 3,244.91
First Responders	checks # 2176-2177	totaling \$ 252.72
Merrill Lake Roads	checks # 582	totaling \$ 200.00
Merrill Lake Park	checks # 593	totaling \$ 13.61
W. Chipp. Vista	checks # 594	totaling \$ 985.00

Patti McNeilly seconded. Roll call vote: Cathleen Martin-yes, Patti McNeilly-yes, Penny Huffman-yes, John Singer-yes and Jack Bark Sr.-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comments:

Chuck Woodbury was present to request a Cemetery Deed for the grave he had bought two years ago. Clerk stated she would verify that a deed hadn't been issued and if one needed to be done she would make sure it was handled.

Barryton Public Library: Ellen Shanafelt was present to give the Township Board an update on the Barryton Public Library. Penny Huffman moved to appoint Nancy Mohr and Ellen Shanafelt as Fork Township representatives to a 4 year term on the Barryton

Public Library. John Singer seconded. All ayes, motion carried. At this time Clerk, Cathleen Martin administered the oath to Nancy and Ellen.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Fork/Barryton Community Fire Department** –Fire Chief, Terry Vogel presented his monthly Chiefs report to the board. DNR Mutual Aid Contract was signed by Supervisor, Jack O. Bark Sr.
- 2. Fork Township Rescue:** Terry Vogel, Supervisor of Rescue, presented the monthly Rescue report to the board.
- 3. Community Center:** Community Center Building Manager, Sabrina Greenspan presented her monthly report to the board. Community Center Grounds Manager, Katie Bazaire had nothing to report at this time.
- 4. Cemetery:** Supervisor, Jack O. Bark Sr. reported on a meeting he had with Clerk, Cathleen Martin and Attorney, Eric Williams regarding the concerns the Auditor had regarding payments made to East Fork Cemetery Association. Clerk, Cathleen Martin read aloud the letter received back from Attorney, Eric Williams. Copies were taken and handed to two Association Members present. Linda LaLonde stated they would make further copies and distribute out to other members and seek their own opinion from their Attorney and get back with us.

Pubic Comments:

Nothing at this time.

New Business:

- 1. Nancy Mohr / Barryton Lions / BINGO:** Nancy Mohr was present on behalf of the Barryton Lions Club. The Lions Club would like to start a bingo night and would like to rent the Community Center for this purpose. They understand the rate for this would be \$100.00 per night and were here tonight to ask the Township to consider lowering the charge until they can get themselves running and off the ground. Discussion followed. Jack Bark moved to rent the Community Center to the Barryton Lions Club for Bingo for one night a week at the rate of \$25.00 per night for the first two months. Patti McNeilly seconded. Roll call vote: Cathleen Martin-yes, Patti McNeilly-yes, Penny Huffman-yes, John Singer-yes and Jack Bark Sr.-yes. All ayes, motion carried.
- 2. Chippewa Hills Summer Tax Collection Contract:** Patti McNeilly had read over the contract and stated she had some concerns and would like to have a chance to contact the school on them. Cathleen Martin moved to postpone the Chippewa Hills Summer Tax Collection Contract until February 16, 2009. John Singer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
- 3. Board of Review Training:** Penny Huffman moved to send and pay for the Fork Township Board of Review Members plus Supervisor to attend the MTA Board of Review Training. Registration fee, mileage, per diem to be paid by the Township. John Singer seconded. Roll call vote: Cathleen Martin-yes, Patti McNeilly-yes, Penny Huffman-yes, John Singer-yes and Jack Bark Sr.-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

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Reports:

Jack Bark Sr., Supervisor- nothing to report.

Cathleen A. Martin, Clerk- reported on the correspondence on table.

Patti McNeilly, Treasurer- inquired as to if the Township Board was going to get gift cards for their employees. Penny Huffman moved to purchase gift cards in the amount of \$25.00 each for all Township employees. Patti McNeilly seconded. Roll call vote: Cathleen Martin-yes, Patti McNeilly-yes, Penny Huffman-yes, John Singer-yes and Jack Bark Sr.-no. Four ayes, one nay, motion carried.

Penny Huffman, Trustee- reported that the walls in the Township Hall side are in need of repairs for cracks and she is going to get some estimates on this and report back to the board.

John Singer, Trustee- nothing to report.

Adjournment:

Cathleen Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. Jack Bark Sr. seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Cathleen A. Martin, Fork Township Clerk

Approved:

Jack Bark Sr., Fork Township Supervisor