

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: Patti McNeilly moved to approve the minutes of 09-21-09 as presented. John Singer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

General Fund	\$114,420.87
General Fund C.D.	\$100,000.00
Fire Department	\$ 31,955.60
Fire Equipment	\$ 62,974.52
Fire Equipment C.D.	\$100,000.00
First Responders	\$ 21,619.31
Flake Cemetery	\$ 16,500.00
Tax Collection	\$ 8,237.38
West Chippewa	\$ 3,638.23
Merrill Lake Roads	\$ 2,130.24
Merrill Lake Park	\$ 351.66

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

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

General Fund	checks # 8898-8922	totaling\$ 6,374.40
Fire Department	checks # 3588-3593	totaling \$ 738.65
First Responders	checks # 2208	totaling \$ 50.45
Merrill Lake Park	checks # 601	totaling \$ 15.52

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:

No public comment at this time.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Fork/Barryton Community Fire Department** - Asst. Fire Chief, Brian David presented the monthly Chiefs report to the board.

- 2. Fork Township Rescue:** Training Officer of Rescue, Jennifer Johnson presented the monthly Rescue report to the Board. Discussed the request for H1N1 mask. Patti McNeilly moved to authorize the Supervisor of Rescue to purchase 300 H1N1 mask for personnel at the cost of \$239.45 and 100 H1N1 mask for patients to wear at the cost of \$91.90 plus any shipping and handling. Penny Huffman 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.
- 3. Community Center:** No report from Grounds Manager, Katie Bazaire at this meeting. Manager, Sabrina Greenspan presented the managers report to the board. Sabrina informed the board that the coffee pot at the Community Center has been the culprit for the blown breakers all the time. Clerk, Cathleen Martin presented the board and Sabrina with a list of complaints that have been filed against Sabrina. Sabrina requested a closed session. Penny Huffman moved to enter closed session. John Singer seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Closed session entered at 7:30 p.m. John Singer moved to reconvene to the regular board meeting. Penny Huffman seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Returned to regular meeting at 8:06 p.m.
- 4. Cemetery:** Jack Bark gave the board an update on the fence being installed at Flake Cemetery. Jack Bark and Cathleen Martin updated the board on a recent meeting they had with Jerry Covert and Linda LaLonde two members of the East Fork Cemetery Association concerning Liability Insurance. Cathleen Martin had set up a meeting with Adam Gandolfi (Fork Townships Insurance Agent) and the two members of the Association to discuss Liability issues and coverage. Several questions came up from the meeting. Jack Bark followed up with Eric Williams regarding those questions. Responses to the questions were then relayed to Jerry Covert and Linda LaLonde. Jerry Covert stated he would set up a meeting with their Association and discuss the outcome. Jack Bark stated that he would like to have the Board authorize himself, Cathleen Martin, Jerry Cover and Linda LaLonde to attend the upcoming MTA Seminar regarding Cemeteries. John Singer moved to authorize to send Jack Bark Sr., Cathleen Martin, Jerry Covert and Linda LaLonde to MTA Seminar on Cemeteries. Registration fee paid for all, per diem and carpool mileage for board members. Penny Huffman 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:

No public comments at this time.

New Business:

1. **Snow Removal Bids:** Penny Huffman moved post that the Township Board is accepting bids for snow removal. All bids are to be sealed with "SNOW REMOVAL BID" written on the envelope and to be turned into the Township Clerk by 5p.m. on November 10, 2009. Properties to include; Fork Township Hall, Flake Cemetery, Brown Cemetery, Fork Township Community Center and the Barryton Community Fire Station. John Singer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
2. **White Pine Manor:** Jack Bark Sr. updated the board on a meeting he and Cathleen Martin had with owners of White Pine Manor concerning an isolation area around the wells. Cathleen informed the owners that it was illegal for the Township to give away municipal property per the Township Attorneys advice. They ask to speak with Eric Williams regarding this matter and they were informed they could do so, but on their dime. DEQ has since contact Jack Bark Sr. trying to pressure the Township to come into compliance. Again Eric Williams was contacted and he once again advised the Township Board to sit tight.

Reports:

Jack Bark Sr., Supervisor- nothing to report.

Cathleen A. Martin, Clerk- Cathleen reported that the new phones for the Township hall were purchased and installed; upcoming MTA trainings, election maintenance fees coming down the line from the County and the Barryton Mobile Food Pantry. Cathleen Martin moved to authorize the expenditure for any Township Board Member to at the upcoming MTA Schoolings (registration, per diem and mileage). 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.

Patti McNeilly, Treasurer- Patti discussed the District Health Dept. letter in the board's packets and the possible mistake in date to comply by. Patti expressed her concerns with a 60 day evaluation of Sabrina Greenspan and the Township Board no acting on it.

Penny Huffman, Trustee- Penny brought up information on the MTA Annual Convention in Grand Rapids. Penny Huffman moved to authorize the Clerk to reserve rooms for a three night stay, for any Fork Township Board members who wish to attend the MTA Annual Convention being held in Grand Rapids. 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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John Singer, Trustee- nothing to report.

Adjournment:

Cathleen Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. John Singer seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:48p.m.

Cathleen A. Martin, Fork Township Clerk

Approved:

Jack Bark Sr., Fork Township Supervisor