

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 8, 2023 FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor, S. Nelson, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Members present: S. Nelson, D. Brown, R. Valentine, J. Church, and A. Wagner
Members absent: NONE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

G. Kleikamp is not for Marijuana. Feels there is no benefit for the Township. 100 ft from a neighbor is not far enough.

D. Kleikamp heard there was an ordinance drawn up, and he would like to see it.

A. Ogren would like to speak about the water business.

5. AGENDA

Supervisor added: 8b CUPPAD 10d. Ogren water

Treasurer added: 14f foreclosure property

Motion, J. Church, support R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve the agenda with changes.

PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER RATES

Motion, D. Brown, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED to open the public hearing.

An increase in Township water rates was discussed. There was no public comment. Treasurer will bring back suggestions next month.

Motion, B. Valentine, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED to close public hearing

6. MINUTES

Motion, J. Church, support, R. Valentine CARRIED to approve the April 10,2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes.

Motion, R. Valentine, support, J. Church CARRIED to approve the April 17, 2023 Special Board Meeting minutes.

7. CONSENT TO AGENDA

a. Financial Reports April 2023.

b. Assessors Report for April 2023.

Motion, R. Valentine, support, J. Church, CARRIED to approve the Consent to agenda.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes April 5, 2023

b. CUPPAD letter

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

a. Fire Reports/Calls April 2023

Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.

- i. Playground grant. Supervisor gave updates.
- j. Credit cards should be on the way.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Payment of bills
 - i. GF Total: \$ 22,587.71
 - ii. WF Total: \$ 3,169.72
 - iii. LF Total: \$ 279.29

Motion, R. Valentine, support, J. Church, CARRIED to pay the bills as presented.

- b. Mta little red books.

Motion, J. Church, support, Robert Valentine, CARRIED to purchase books for Board in the amount of \$500.00

- c. Michigan Association of Planning renewal

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church to renew Michigan Association of Planning membership in the amount of \$725.00.

- d. Liquor renewals were due May 1. We currently have four license holders in the Township. Supervisor will talk with the Liquor Inspector to get pictures of valid liquor licenses.
- e. Roads.

Motion, R. Valentine, support, A. Wagner CARRIED to pay the Delta County Road Commission for gravel on A-16 in the amount of \$2992.19. and dust control at .48 cents per gallon as recommended by the Supervisor.

- f. Foreclosure property.

Motion, R. Valentine, support J. Church, CARRIED to notify the County we will pass on purchasing the property at 308 M35.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT.

G. Kleikamp: comment on the Master Plan concerning improvements, she feels by getting rid of the junk it would improve the township. It's getting worse day by day and she's tired of going by the dumps. Going back to the Marijuana thing, she asks why an attorney is involved to draw up a plan. Never been a report on covid money. also, fire dept fundraiser, you've never given an amount on what is raised.

D. Kleikamp. Blight, feels if the township rides the roads to check on condition, we could kill two birds with one stone by looking for blight too.

T. Pepin: Suggests we should rent out the pavilion in winter months for storage. (no motors)

S. Pepin: feels the rental of the Pavilion there should be access to the hall for water.

R. Nelson: Memorial Day services 10am West/10:30 South Had a question on benches at Cemeteries.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to approve the fire report.

- b. The Fire Chief gave updates.

10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water system report-April 2023

Motion, A. Wagner, support, B. Valentine, CARRIED to accept the water report for April 2023.

- b. Water operator updates. Troy Rodman, Water Operator was present and gave updates.
- c. Billing Register. All normal.
- d. Ogren: Al Ogren would like to have water service back at Camp ground. It was decided in 2019 that if they want the water back to the campground they must bring it up to code according to the ordinance.

11. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

- a. The Zoning Administrator gave updates and the April 2023 Zoning report.

Motion, D. Brown, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED to acknowledge the Zoning report for April 2023.

- b. Master plan update: 82 surveys completed. Hopefully closing out by EOM. The June meeting should have a full update.

12. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

- a. District #3 report/update
ABSENT

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Marijuana. Still in hands of the Planning Commission.
- b. Bike Path/Committee. Supervisor gave updates.
- c. Emergency Generator. \$5000.00 grant received. Seeking bids.
- d. Inventory. Office inventory is complete. Cemetery complete. Maintenance complete. Clerk will get with the Water Operator.
- e. 911 sign update. Supervisor gave updates.
- f. Deputy Clerk Cemetery training

Motion, J. Church, support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to send Deputy Clerk to Cemetery training in Gaylord.

- g. Utility sink for hall

Motion, R. Valentine, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED to hire CJR Services for \$1885.00 to put a utility sink in the furnace room and replace faucets in the ladies room.

Roll Call: AYES: A. Wagner, J. Church, R. Valentine, S. Nelson. NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: D. Brown

16. BOARD COMMENT.

J. Church: No one ever said the Ordinance on Marijuana was passed. The board wanted the Planning commission to look into it.

Neighborhood watch is done by neighborhoods not Township.

D. Brown: In 2018 the State of Michigan legalized Marijuana. FRT adopted an ordinance that prohibited it for one year. So at the end of that year, it was our duty to look into it to see if it was something our residents wanted. We held a public meeting and there were more people for than against. So at that time we sent it to the Planning Commission. It has been 2 1/2 years and there have been no decisions have ever been made. The public will decide.

A. Wagner, yes, she feels there has been misinformation on the Marijuana. Amanda thanks Gay for reminding her about the COVID money. She explains the reporting procedure. The reports are online.

S. Nelson: We are acting on junk complaints. He sent out notices with vouchers.

R. Valentine: Interest rates are going up and there are options for our bank accounts. The treasurer asked the clerk to put it on the agenda next month.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion, A. Wagner, support, B. Valentine, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:53pm .

Minutes approved by:



Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

6-12-23
Date