

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**May 10, 2021 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, A Wagner, J. Church, R. Scott  
Members absent: None

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**5. AGENDA**

Motion, A. Wagner, support R. Scott CARRIED to approve the Agenda.

**6. MINUTES**

Received Minutes:

Motion, R. Scott, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to approve the Township Board Regular meeting minutes for April 12, 2021.

**7. REPORTS**

The following reports were acknowledged:

- a. Financial Reports for April, 2021. The Treasurer and Clerk were in balance with the bank.
- b. Zoning Administrator Report for April, 2021.
- c. Assessors Report for April, 2021.

**8. CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. FR Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2021
- b. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes March 23, 2021

**9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

The following report was acknowledged:

- a. Fireman's Report for April, 2021- Maintenance Reports  
Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.  
Fire Chief requests pipes and connectors for fire truck.  
Fire Chief requests training regulators for masks. (4)

Motion, A. Wagner, support, D. Brown, CARRIED, to purchase the necessary pipes and connectors for fire truck up to \$1,250.00.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, R. Scott, CARRIED to purchase training regulators for masks for up to \$300.00 for four.

**10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

The following reports were acknowledged:

- a. Water system report for April 2021.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to acknowledge the Water System report.

- b. Water Operator Mark Rose was present and gave updates.
- c. Billing Register February 2021.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to acknowledge the billing register for April 2021.

- d. AWWA Membership renewal.

Motion, A. Wagner, support R. Scott CARRIED to renew membership to AWWA for Mark Rose in the amount of \$45.00.

### **11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Audit. Trustee J. Church will see if she can get somewhere with Bruce or SL&H.
- b. Marijuana tabled.
- c. Junk complaint: Supervisor informed Board we are waiting on Court date on one and the other is making progress in clean up.
- d. One application on Zoning Administrator, hoping for more applicants, tabled until June 2021.
- e. Cemetery, R. Nelson will get with George and mark out where road needs to be and then we can proceed with estimates for gravel.  
George will fill graves with top soil to level.

### **12. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Payment of bills:
  - i. GF Total: \$16,482.81
  - ii. WF Total: \$2,436.71
  - iii. LF Total: \$121.18

Motion, R. Scott, support, S. Nelson, CARRIED to pay the bills \$16,482.81 from the General fund, \$2,436.71 from the Water fund and \$121.18 from the Liquor fund.

- b. Clarification of Trustees role on Planning Commission. It was discovered there was an error in The Planning Commission bylaws. It refers to the Trustee from the Board as a liaison. This needs to be corrected. The Member from the Township Board that sits on the Planning Commissions title is 'ex officio' and has full voting rights on both Boards.
- c. Network tabled until June 2021.
- d. 911 Sign funding. Emily DeSalvo, Delta County Administrator spoke about the 911 signs. Delta County has approved an ordinance laying out specific guidelines for the 911 signs. She will be meeting with Supervisor Nelson to proceed according to the new Ordinance.
- e. Adjustments for road funding. The contract from the Road Commission does not have road names for the seal coating. A. Wagner suggests they be written in, initialed and sent to Jody Norman for signature.
- f. Poverty Exemption Income guidelines resolution.



Motion, A. Wagner, support, D. Brown, CARRIED to adopt new Poverty Exemption Income guidelines and asset level test Resolution #051021.

A Roll call vote was taken.

AYE: D. Brown, A. Wagner, R. Scott, S. Nelson

NAY: J. Church

- g. Policy and procedure for the granting, auditing and removal of property exemptions.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, R. Scott, CARRIED to approve the Policy and procedure for the granting, auditing and removal of property exemptions.

- h. Poverty exemption application

Motion, R. Scott, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED to approve the poverty exemption application.

### **13. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT**

R. Nelson informs the public there will be Memorial Day service at West Cemetery at 10am and 10:30 at South. S. Nelson will put on facebook, website and Brief in Daily Press.


T. Nelson informs us there is a Dedication of the Bridge between Escanaba and Gladstone on Saturday June 5, 2021 in the morning followed by Memorial service for Tom Casperson at the Chamber building.

G. Kleikamp is concerned about all the trash in the Township, along with Junk in people's yards. She would like to see the Township get some of this cleaned up. It's becoming an eyesore.

D. Brown thanks Brian Nelson, Fire Chief for another grant obtained for the Fire Dept. Citizens has asked about possibility of moving meetings to Pavilion again. Ruby Tryan, 79 year Ford River Resident has turned 100 years old. D. Brown sent flowers on behalf of the entire Township and welcomes donations.

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion A. Wagner, support R. Scott, CARRIED, to adjourn at 9:00pm.



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