

FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 11, 2024 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, J. Church and A. Wagner, R. Valentine
Members absent: NONE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

5. AGENDA

Supervisor Nelson added 8d. Delta County Township Association annual meeting, 8e. A. DeGrand and 14b Appointments. R. Valentine added 9b Cadet program and 14.h Audit J. Church asked for the payment of bills 7e be taken from consent to agenda items for discussion 14c

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to approve the agenda as amended.

6. MINUTES

Trustee Church asked there be an amendment to October meeting minutes to name the persons involved in the personal investigation by the Michigan State Police.

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by A. Wagner CARRIED to accept the Township Board Regular Meeting minutes as corrected for October 14, 2024

A roll call vote was taken: AYES: J. Church, A. Wagner, R. Valentine, S. Nelson

NAYS: D. Brown ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

Motion, J. Church, supported by A. Wagner CARRIED to accept the Township Board Special meeting minutes for October 8, 2024.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by S. Nelson CARRIED to accept the Election Commission meeting minutes from October 14, 2024.

7. CONSENT TO AGENDA

- a. Assessor Report
- b. Fire Report
- c. Water Systems report
- d. Water billing register
- e. REMOVED
- f. Financial reports

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve the Consent to agenda items.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes October 2, 2024
- b. Delta County Clerks Association meeting minutes September, 2024
- c. Zoning Administrators report
- d. Delta County Township Association annual meeting

- e. Andrew Degrand completed training for the Zoning Board of Appeals

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Fire updates The Fire Chief gave updates.

Motion, D. Brown, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED to approve Charlotte Frost to become a member of Ford River Township volunteer Fire Department.

Motion, D. Brown, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED to approve Noah Pendergraft to become a member of Ford River Township volunteer Fire Department.

A Roll Call vote was taken: AYES: A. Wagner, R. Valentine, D. Brown and S. Nelson
NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: J. Church

- b. Cadet program TABLED

10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water operator updates
The water operator was absent. Supervisor Nelson gave updates.
Clerk will bring minutes next meeting to determine what was decided concerning the water meter installation for Park Place campground.

11. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

- a. Zoning update
- b. The master plan was approved by the Planning commission.

12. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

Absent

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. 911 signs:
Project services changed the quote and contract that was approved in October.
Dave Hamelin has proposed he do this project along with another township employee.

Motion, J. Church, supported by A. Wagner CARRIED to have Dave Hamelin install 911 signs not to exceed \$25,000.00

- b. Policy update: TABLED
- c. Litigation updates:
 - i. Ford River Township vs Bateni: This case is closed and the period to appeal is past. It will come off the agenda.
 - ii. Accusation of violating open meetings act. No update.
 - iii. Bateni vs Ford River Township discrimination complaint

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED we do not enter mediation concerning the discrimination complaint against the Township Board.

A roll call vote was taken. AYES: J. Church, A. Wagner, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson
NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

- d. Playground updates. Supervisor Nelson gave updates.
- e. Junk update: Supervisor Nelson gave updates.

f. Petty cash

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church CARRIED to raise the petty cash from \$200.00 to \$400.00.

g. Master plan:

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve the Master Plan. A Roll call vote was taken. AYES: J. Church, A. Wagner, R. Valentine, S. Nelson. NAYS: D. Brown ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

h. Audit. Trustee Valentine has still not received a return phone call. TABLED

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Electrical issues. We will seek bids to upgrade electrical in the hall.
- b. Appointments.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to re-appoint J. Church to the Planning Commission.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

AYES: A. Wagner, R. Valentine, D. Brown and S. Nelson

ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: J. Church

- c. Payment of bills. J. Church asked this to be removed from Consent to agenda because of a question on her paycheck. There was no error, there were actually two checks generated.

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to pay the bills.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT.

J. Deloria showed her appreciation to Myra for her service as a Delta County commissioner.

R. Fetting thanked the Veterans and A. Wagner for their service and wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

Christine Williams (via zoom) commented on FOIA with personal devices.

16. BOARD COMMENT.

D. Brown. Clarifies the FOIA discussion on personal devices, thanked Myra and congratulated Christine Williams. Also thanked Amanda for her service.


J. Church. Condolences to the Bill Nelson family.

R. Valentine. Hope all deer hunters have a safe hunt. Thanks to our vets.

S. Nelson. Thanks to all our veterans and Happy Thanksgiving.

17. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to Adjourn at 9:30pm.


Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

12-9-24
Date