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**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 17, 2025 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 R. Valentine
Members absent: A. Wagner

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

5. AGENDA

Trustee Church added 16G landfill to the agenda.
Clerk Brown added 12C Mayrand water leak.

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church CARRIED to approve the agenda with change.

6. GUEST SPEAKER

NONE

7. MINUTES

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to approve the Township Board meeting minutes for March 4, 2025

8. SALARY RESOLUTIONS

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to accept resolution #3-4-2025-6, a Resolution to establish Township Clerk Salary.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Church, Valentine, Nelson - Nays: NONE - Absent: Wagner - Abstain: Brown

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to accept resolution #3-6-2025-6, a Resolution to establish Township Treasurer Salary.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Church, Valentine, Nelson - Nays: NONE - Absent: Wagner - Abstain: Brown

RECESS FOR BUDGET HEARING

Motion, D. Brown, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to recess for budget hearing.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Church, Valentine, Nelson, Brown Nays: NONE Absent: Wagner Abstain: none

A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD WITH NO DECISIONS MADE.

Motion, D. Brown, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to close the public hearing.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Church, Valentine, Nelson, Brown Nays: NONE Absent: Wagner Abstain: none

9. CONSENT TO AGENDA

a. Assessor report

- b. Fire report
- c. Water Systems report
- d. Water billing register

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

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes January 8, 2025
- b. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes February 5, 2025
- c. Planning Commission meeting minutes (corrected) December 4, 2025
- d. Notice of regular meeting of the Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee
- e. Delta County Clerk's Association Meeting February 5, 2025
- f. Dickinson County Prosecuting Attorney letter
- g. Zoning Administrators report
- h. Delta County Board of Commissioners letter of support March 6, 2025

11. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Fire updates The Fire Chief was absent.
- b. Inventory: no update
- c. Minutes.

The Fire Department takes minutes at their monthly meeting. Supervisor Nelson will speak with Chief Nelson about supplying the Board with monthly meeting minutes going forward. All past minutes (originals) shall be brought to the Clerk for safekeeping.

12. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water operator updates
The water operator was present and gave updates.
- c. Mr Mayrand was present and asked for water bill forgiveness from a water leak. TABLED. The Clerk will supply Board with account audit and water ordinance to make a decision at the April meeting. Along with some examples of when we have given forgiveness.

Motion, D. Brown, supported by J. Church CARRIED to table this until the next meeting. The clerk will run an audit and supply the Board with the current water ordinance. No late charges will be added for now as long as the customer pays a regular \$55.00 water bill.

13. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

- a. Zoning update.
The Zoning Administrator was present and gave updates.

Motion, D. Brown, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to approve the Planning Commission to go ahead with the CUPPAD proposal for \$25,000.00 for a new Zoning ordinance and updating the map as long as it also includes the ability to write citations.

14. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

Christine Williams was present and gave county updates.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Policy update: TABLED
- b. Playground updates. Ground breaking should start June 2, 2025.
- c. Junk update: Supervisor Nelson gave updates.
- d. 911 sign update. The project started today.

16. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Financial reports.

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church CARRIED to move \$1,555.95 from the contingency fund to: \$1,310.04 Supervisor and \$245.91 to Clerk funds.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Church, Valentine, Nelson, Brown - Nays: NONE - Absent: Wagner Abstain: none

- b. Payment of bills.

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

- c. General Appropriations Act 2025/2026 Fiscal year.

Motion, J. Church supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to approve resolution #03172025-1 a resolution to establish a General Appropriations Act for Ford River Township fiscal year 2025/2026.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Church, Valentine, Nelson, Brown - Nays: NONE - Absent: Wagner - Abstain: non

- e. Trash removal

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church CARRIED to switch trash pick up to Peninsula Sanitation.

- g. Landfill

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to do a spring clean up with \$25.00 vouchers for landfill. May 1-June 30. One voucher per parcel of land, maximum of two per person.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Bill Gartland has concerns with roads. (I road)

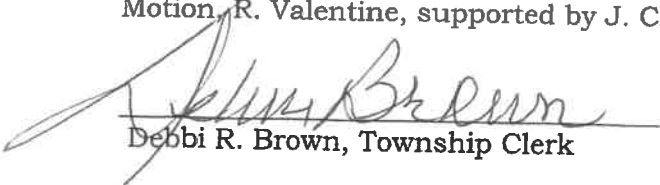
17. BOARD COMMENT.

Supervisor Nelson: explained how the road budget works with DCRC.

D. Brown: Treasurer Amanda Wagner has been chosen for the Upper Peninsula Women of Valor Honor Flight in May.

18. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church CARRIED to Adjourn at 9:03pm.


Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

4-21-25
Date