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**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 21, 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

Joe Kaplan commented on the Townships attorney bills.

5. AGENDA

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

6. GUEST SPEAKER

Ryan Carrig from CUPPAD gave an update and answered board questions on Zoning Ordinance.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

C2AE. Tony Johnson spoke on lead service line replacement.

Motion, D. Brown supported by J. Church CARRIED to open public hearing.
Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: J. Church, A. Wagner, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Question and answer session concerning lead service line replacement.

Motion, D. Brown supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to close public hearing.
Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: J. Church, A. Wagner, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

8. MINUTES

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to approve the Township Board meeting minutes for March 17, 2025

9. CONSENT TO AGENDA

- a. Assessor report
- b. Fire report
- c. Water Systems report
- d. Water billing register
- e. Financial reports
- f. Payment of bills
- g. Clean up certificates

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

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes March 12, 2025

- b. Delta County Clerks Association meeting March 6, 2025 and April 10, 2025
- c. Zoning Administrators report March 2025
- d. State of Michigan Department of Licensing and regulatory affairs/Nault wine maker license
- e. Notice of regular meeting of the Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee
- f. Delta County Board of Commissioners/Notice of Intent to Prepare Delta County Master Plan
- g. Virtual meeting EGLE
- h. Retirement letter from Attorney Burkhardt

11. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Fire updates

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to spend up to \$510.00 to replace batteries in the thermal imaging cameras.

- b. E-mail exchange discussion took place to update the Board on emails between the Treasurer and the Fire Chief. See emails attached. Chief Nelson was reminded that the pancake breakfast is a township event and the township Treasurer will handle the funds in the same manner as any township function. The Board commented on the inappropriate and insubordinate commentary by Fire Chief Nelson and was reminded he is a township employee and answers to the board.

- c. Inventory

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to require the Fire Chief to turn in a completed fire department inventory up to date within 60 days.

- d. Minutes. All minutes from the fire department meetings present and past must be turned over to the Township. The Fire Chief stated he has no past minutes from the previous Secretary. Trustee Church will contact Erin Weary to try to obtain records from Mr. Holland. Chief Nelson said he has been doing the minutes since Mr. Holland was removed. He doesn't know if he has any current meeting minutes. He will get us what he has.

12. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water operator updates

The water operator was present and gave updates.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to adopt Resolution 04-21-2025-01 a resolution adopting a final project planning document for water system improvements and designating an authorized project representative. A Roll call vote was held. Ayes: Church, Wagner, Brown, Valentine and Nelson
Nays: NONE Absent: NONE Abstain: NONE

- b. Water leak forgiveness request/Mayrand.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to deny the request for water forgiveness for Dan Mayrand as requested. Mr. Mayrand will be offered a payment plan of 100.00 per month plus his regular bill. Late fee will be removed on the leak amount.

13. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

- a. Zoning update.

The Zoning Administrator was present and gave updates.

14. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

Christine Williams was unable to attend tonight's meeting so Clerk Brown read her updates for the board.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Policy update: TABLED
- b. Playground updates.
- c. Junk update. Supervisor Nelson gave an update for 305 M35.

16. CURRENT LITIGATION UPDATES.

- a. Bateni. Still waiting on the Attorney.
- b. Tryan. There is a hearing April 29, 2025
- c. Dickinson County Prosecuting Attorney/Impact statement was completed by Supervisor Nelson.

17. NEW BUSINESS

- a. DCRC proposal

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to accept the proposal from DCRC for dust control in the amount of .48 cents per gallon.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to accept the proposal from DCRC for ditching of K road and 10th road and K road to M35 as needed in the amount of \$6,069.40.

A Roll call vote was held. Ayes: Wagner, Valentine, and Nelson

Nays: Church Absent: NONE Abstain: Brown

- b. Endless Business Solutions: TABLED
- c. Superior Trade Zone Membership: TABLED
- d. Elections/new equipment. We will need to buy new equipment in 2026 or 27. Made note for budget time.
- e. Pancake breakfast.
No information or estimates were provided to the board on costs or anything else associated with the pancake breakfast to be held on April 27, 2025 despite the request from Treasurer Wagner to Fire Chief Nelson via email on March 12, 2025. To ensure the breakfast can be held legally, the board discussed how to approve the spend.

Motion, J. Church, supported by S Nelson CARRIED to approve up to \$1500.00 for supplies and expenses for the pancake breakfast.

f. Burkhart final bill. Supervisor Nelson will ask for clarification.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Judy Deloria: She is sorry to hear that our parks manager Stever Wery and Mary Harrington, who was on the board for District Three for parks have resigned.

17. BOARD COMMENT.

Supervisor Nelson: Needs Township board signature on contract.

18. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to Adjourn at 9:47pm.


Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

5-19-25
Date