

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 16, 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, A. Wagner, J. Church, and R. Valentine  
Members absent: NONE

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Kathy Gartland: Asked to speak on Roads.  
Al Ogren asked about the Board of Review.

**5. AGENDA**

Trustee Valentine asked to have 16F Audit added to the agenda.

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church CARRIED to approve the agenda with changes in 16f.

**6. ATTORNEY PICKENS**

Motion, D. Brown, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to go into closed session to discuss written opinion of counsel.

Roll call: Ayes: J. Church, A. Wagner, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson. Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE

Motion, D. Brown, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to go back into open session with no decisions made during closed session.

Roll call: Ayes: J. Church, A. Wagner, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson. Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE

**7. MINUTES**

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church CARRIED to approve the Township Board meeting minutes for May 19, 2025 and for amendment to April 21, 2025.

**8. CONSENT TO AGENDA**

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

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

**9. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes May 7, 2025
- b. Zoning Administrators report May 2025
- c. Fire Department minutes May 2025
- d. Notice of regular meeting of the Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management

Planning Commission.

**10. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

- a. Fire updates. Fire Chief Nelson gave updates.
- b. Inventory. A new inventory list was submitted.
- c. Insurance information. Clerk Brown relayed how easy it was to work with an insurance company for payment on fire calls. She asked Chief Nelson to try to get this information as much as possible.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to allow Chief Nelson to apply for a grant for up to 10,000.00 with a 50% match from the Township.

**11. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

- a. Water operator updates  
Water Operator T. Rodman was absent.  
CCR letters went out in June water billing.

**12. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS**

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

**13. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS**

Christine Williams, District #3 was present and gave County updates.

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Policy update: TABLED
- b. Playground updates. Supervisor Nelson gave updates.
- c. Junk update. Supervisor Nelson gave updates.
- d. 911 signs. More signs are missing.
- e. Burkart final bill.

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church CARRIED to counter offer Mr. Burkart at 50% of the bill, \$17,643.95.

Roll call: Ayes: J. Church, A. Wagner, R. Valentine, S. Nelson. Nays: D. Brown.

Absent: NONE

- f. Township truck repairs. Board decided to wait until we look for a different truck.
- g. Endless Business Solutions.

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to pay Endless solutions \$10.00 per endpoint for Cyber security.

- h. Delta County Road Commission.

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED pay the DCRC to gravel and triple coat a-15 from sawmill to end in the amount of 34,650.49.

**15. CURRENT LITIGATION UPDATES.**

- a. Bateni.
  - i. Accessory Building
  - ii. Recovering of fees.  
Supervisor Nelson gave updates.

- b. Tryan.  
Supervisor Nelson gave updates.

**16. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Ryan from CUPPAD presented ordinances that will be pursued. No action at this time.
- b. Youtube/Zoom. Discussion on if we should keep it or not. Trustee Church will reach out to MTA for opinion.
- c. Quickbooks. Now it is switched over to online.
- d. Michigan Township Association membership renewal.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to renew the Michigan Township Association membership in the amount of \$1,846.95.

- e. Penozza.
- f. Audit. Trustee Valentine expressed concerns about our current Auditor.

**17. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- A. Ogren: Has questions about a Board of Review denial.
- R. Fettig: Asked about private contractors for roads.
- J. Kaplan: Commented on youtube and the fact it cuts way down on FOIA.


**18. BOARD COMMENT.**

Supervisor Nelson. explained the process for the Board of Review. He also explained roads and private contracting.

**19. ADJOURNMENT.**

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

  
Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

  
Date