

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 21, 2025 (amended) FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk D. Brown, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Members present: D. Brown, A. Wagner, J. Church.
Members absent: S. Nelson and R. Valentine

Motion, A. Wagner supported by J. Church CARRIED to appoint D. Brown as moderator of tonight's meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Linda Laviolette would like to reserve the right to speak on 16C

5. AGENDA

Motion, J. Church, supported by A. Wagner CARRIED to approve the agenda.

6. GUEST SPEAKER:

None

7. MINUTES

Motion, J. Church, supported by A. Wagner CARRIED to approve the Township Board meeting minutes for June 16, 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 A. Wagner CARRIED to approve the Consent to Agenda items.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes June 4, 2025
- b. Zoning Administrators report June 2025
- c. Fire Department minutes June 2025
- d. Thank you letter for membership renewal from Michigan Township Association
- e. Notice of Meeting of the Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Commission
- f. Federal Bureau of Investigation letter

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Fire updates. Fire Chief Nelson gave updates.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by D. Brown CARRIED to approve David Simmons to become a member of the Ford River Fire Department.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to purchase two sets of structure gear and eight sets of dual purpose gear from MES Fire for up to \$13,226.00 plus shipping. (50/50 grant \$10,000 and Hannahville grant \$3750.00)

11. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water operator updates
Water Operator T. Rodman gave updates.
Leak detection survey was complete and the final report shows we are losing about 20,000 gallons per day.

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.
Discussion concerning M-35 traffic, passing zones, speed limit and parked vehicles on the roadway.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Policy update: TABLED
- b. Playground updates.
 - i. Quotes for playground resurfacing TABLED to get more information on the product that will be used.
 - ii. Quote for additional grant related work

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to approve RP22-0 up to \$14,400.00 for additional grant related work.

- c. Junk update. Supervisor Nelson was not present to give updates.
- d. 911 signs. Supervisor Nelson was not present to give updates.
- e. Burkart final bill. Attorney Parmet has accepted the 50% offer.
- f. You tube.

Motion, D. Brown supported by J. Church CARRIED to put our Township Board meetings and Planning Commission meetings on Youtube.

15. CURRENT LITIGATION UPDATES.

- a. Bateni.
 - i. Accessory Building
 - ii. Recovering of fees.
Supervisor Nelson was not present to give updates.
- b. Tryan.
Supervisor Nelson was not present to give updates.

16. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Civic Clarity Website Service

Motion, D. Brown, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED to pay Civic Clarity \$415.00 for annual Service and hosting, Domain name registration and eNotify.

b. Tree at West Cemetery/Joe Kaplan

Mr. Kaplan informed the Board there is a diseased Ash tree in West Cemetery that he is willing to donate his services to try to save the tree.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by D. Brown CARRIED to approve Mr. Kaplan to treat the Ash tree in the cemetery free of charge with appreciation.

c. No parking signs

Motion, A. Wagner supported by D. Brown, CARRIED to get up to 9 signs for up to \$560.00 put in as requested.

It is noted, J. Church is opposed and feels we are setting a bad precedent.

d. Truck repair/ Mileage for sign installation

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church to pay D. Hamelin mileage for sign installation.

e. CIMS (Cemetery) Conference

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to send the Clerk to CIMS Conference for \$75.00 plus expenses.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mike Maskart

Jack Hakkola

Bonnie Hakkola

Stephanie Carpenter

Jim Stock all commented on Delta County of Clarity Notice. SEE ATTACHED


John Gucky, I Road. On behalf of the neighborhood would like to thank Christine Williams for her diligent work in the placement of these signs and thank the Board for their quick action in regards to helping to make our neighborhood safer for ourselves and our children.

18. BOARD COMMENT.

Treasurer A. Wagner thanked the public for exercising their right to be here tonight.

19. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by ~~R. Valentine~~, J. Church, (amended) CARRIED to adjourn at 8:23 pm.


Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

8-19-25
Date

**Definitions taken from 1968 Black Law Dictionary 4th Edition for:
Delta County Point of Clarity Notice: The Sovereign Have All Political Power**

ACQUIESCENCE. Conduct recognizing the existence of a transaction, and intended, in some extent at least, to carry the transaction, or permit it to be carried, into effect; it is some act, not deliberately intended to ratify a former transaction known to be voidable, but recognizing the transaction as existing, and intended, in some extent at least, to carry it into effect, and to obtain or claim the benefits resulting from it, and thus differs from "confirmation," which implies a deliberate act, intended to renew and ratify a transaction known to be voidable.

ALMIGHTY GOD. Our Creator, that we serve, gave mankind dominion over everything on earth, and the sovereign People created government to serve them.

Noah Webster Dictionary 4th Edition only referenced Almighty God in this way: Perjury shall consist in willfully, knowingly, absolutely, and falsely swearing, either with or without laying the hand on the Holy Evangelist of **Almighty God**, or affirming, in a matter material to the issue or point in question, in some judicial proceeding, by a person to whom a lawful oath or affirmation is administered.

AMENABLE. Subject to answer to the law; accountable; responsible; liable to punishment. Also means tractable, that may be easily led or governed; formerly applied to a wife who is governable by her husband. Cowell.

ANTECEDENT. Prior in point of time, means of knowledge.

AUTHORITY. The power delegated by a principal to his agent. The lawful delegation of power by one person to another. Power of agent to affect legal relations of principal by acts done in accordance with principal's manifestations of consent to agent.

CONSTITUTION. The organic and fundamental law of a nation or state, which may be written or unwritten, establishing the character and conception of its government, laying the basic principles to which its internal life is to be conformed, organizing the government, and regulating, distributing, and limiting the functions of its different departments, and prescribing the extent and manner of the exercise of sovereign powers. A charter of government deriving its whole authority from the governed.

INALIENABLE. Not subject to alienation; the characteristic of those things which cannot be bought or sold or transferred from one person to another, such as rivers and public highways, and certain personal rights; e. g., liberty.

INHERENT POWER. An authority possessed without its being derived from another. A right, ability, or faculty of doing a thing, without receiving that right, ability, or faculty from another.

LEGAL NOTICE. Such notice as is adequate in point of law; such notice as the law requires to be given for the specific purpose or in the particular case. Knowledge brought home to a party in a prescribed form.

LIBERTY. Freedom; exemption from extraneous control.

MALADMINISTRATION. This term is used, in the law-books, interchangeably with *misadministration*, and both words mean "wrong administration."

MALICE. The intentional doing of a wrongful act without just cause or excuse, with an intent to inflict an injury or under circumstances that the law will imply an evil intent.

MALFEASANCE. Evil doing; ill conduct; the commission of some act which is positively unlawful; or silent acquiescence, understood, implied as a tacit agreement; a tacit understanding.

OATH. Any form of attestation by which a person signifies that he is bound in conscience to perform an act faithfully and truthfully.

(Maxims of Law compiled and edited by Charles Weisman)

MAXIM. An established principle or proposition. A principle of law universally admitted, as being a correct statement of the law, or as agreeable to natural reason.

Coke defines a maxim to be "conclusion of reason," and says that it is so called "quia maxima ejus dignitas et certissima auctoritas, et quod maxime omnibus probetur." Co. Litt. 11a. He says in another place: "A maxime is a proposition to be of all men confessed and granted without prooffe, argument, or discourse." Id. 674. Reproduced from: Black's Law Dictionary, 2nd Edition (1910) p. 767

EXEMPTION, WORDS OF. It is a **maxim of law** that words of exemption are not to be construed to import any liability; the maxim *expressio unius alterius*, or its converse, *exclusion unius inclusio alterius*, not applying to such a Case. For example, an exemption of the crown from the bankruptcy act 1869, in one specified particular, would not inferentially subject the crown to that act in any other particular. Brown.

NON VALET EXCEPTIO EJUSDEM REI CUJUS PETITUR DISSOLUTIO. A plea of the same matter the dissolution of which is sought, is not valid. Called a "**maxim of law** and common sense." 2 Eden, 134.

SPOLIATOR. Lat. A spoiler or destroyer. It is a **maxim of law**, bearing chiefly on evidence, but also upon the value generally of the thing destroyed, that everything most to his disadvantage is to be presumed against the destroyer, (*spoliator, contra spoliatorem omnia pcesumuntur*. 1 Smith, Lead. Cas. 315.

UNUMQUODQUE PRINCIPIORUM EST SIBIMETIPSI FIDES; ET PERSPICUA VERA NON SUNT PROBANDA. Every general principle [or **maxim of law**] is its own pledge or warrant; and things that are clearly true are not to be proved. Branch; Co. Litt. 11.

NOTICE. Information; the result of observation, whether by the senses or the mind; knowledge of the existence of a fact or state of affairs; the

POSTERITY. All the descendants of a person in a direct line to the remotest generation.

SOVEREIGN. A person, body, or state in which independent and supreme authority is vested; a chief ruler with supreme power; a king or other ruler with limited power.

SUI JURIS. Of his own right; possessing full social and civil rights; not under any legal disability, or the power of another, or guardianship. Having capacity to manage one's own affairs; not under legal disability to act for one's self.

TACIT. Existing, inferred, or understood without being openly expressed or stated, implied by silence or silent acquiescence, understood, implied as a tacit agreement; a tacit understanding.

The Constitution of the United States of American Article IV

Section 4. The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence.

Hosea 4:6 KJV My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

NOTE A correction below from the notice served for the link of the **Supreme Court Justice, Neil Gorsuch:**

<https://www.foxnews.com/video/6359892907112>

Which is the Second Video: Aug. 4, 2024, Minute Mark starting at 5:16-5:33