

## **FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Nelson, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Members present: D. Brown, A. Wagner, J. Church, S. Nelson and R. Valentine  
Members absent: NONE

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Gay Kleikamp would like to reserve the right to speak on 14c

### **5. AGENDA**

R. Valentine added 16i-signs

S. Nelson added 14e-truck

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

### **6. GUEST SPEAKER:**

None

### **7. MINUTES**

Motion, J. Church, supported by S. Nelson, CARRIED to approve the Township Board meeting minutes for August 18, 2025.

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve the Township Board Special meeting minutes for September 4, 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. Fire Department minutes August 2025
- b. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes July 2, 2025
- c. Notice of Regular Meeting of the Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee
- d. Michigan Department of Natural Resources letter dated August 29, 2025
- e. Zoning Administrators report August 2025
- f. Zoning Administrators report July 2025

### **10. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

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

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to approve Trent Pepin to become a member of the Ford River Fire Department.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve up to \$1,800.00 for supplies for the Pancake breakfast to be held at the Highland on October 26, 2025

**11. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

- a. Water operator updates  
Water Operator T. Rodman was absent.
- b. Campground. Clerk will send another invoice.

**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. The supervisor gave updates. Almost complete.
- c. Junk update. Supervisor Nelson gave updates. Gay Kleikamp spoke on old junk complaints.
- d. 911 signs. The project is complete. We have extra signs and stickers
- e. Truck. The old plow truck will be open for bids.

Motion, D. Brown, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to seek bids for the plow truck, with a minimum bid of \$1,000.00.

**15. CURRENT LITIGATION UPDATES.**

- a. Bateni.
  - i. Accessory Building. No update available from attorney.
  - ii. Recovering of fees. No update available from attorney.
- b. Tryan. Waiting to hear from attorney on fees

**16. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Resignation of Dean Ingelbriten.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to accept the resignation on Dean Ingelbriten.

- b. Resolution of Adoption for an Amendment to the Ford River Township Zoning

Ordinance.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to adopt the Resolution of Adoption for an Amendment to the Ford River Township Zoning Ordinance #091525-1. Roll call vote: AYES: Wagner, Valentine, Brown, Church, Nelson NAYS: none ABSENT: none ABSTAIN: none

c. Assessors contract/job description. Supervisor will talk with the assessor about reporting.

d. UPPCO Recycling event

Motion, D. Brown, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED to put the UPPCO Recycling event on our Township website.

e. STR Policy options for local communities

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to spend up to \$225.00 plus training pay and mileage to attend STR policy training.

f. Hannula renewal

Motion, R. Valentine supported by J. Church, CARRIED to renew Hannula Insurance in the amount of \$13,725.00.

g. Scanning on the copier. The clerk will look into buying a scanner.

h. Refrigerator (s) in pavilion

i. Parking signs. The supervisor will check with DCRC Jody Norman.

**17. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

C. Williams commented on address signs

**18. BOARD COMMENT.**

S. Nelson clarified the comment on address signs.

**9. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:23 pm.

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Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

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Date

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