

FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 20, 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 junk update.

5. AGENDA

S. Nelson added 16-f Schedule of fees

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

7. MINUTES

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve the Township Board meeting minutes for September 15, 2025.

A roll call vote was taken. Aye: R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson, A. Wagner Nay: J. Church Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve the Township Board Special meeting minutes for September 23, 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 September 2025
- b. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes September 2025
- c. Delta County Township Association Meeting minutes July 24, 2025
- d. Federal Bureau of Investigation Letter
- e. Zoning Administrators report. September 2025
- f. Delta County Clerks Association Meeting September 2025
- g. Delta County Clerks Association Meeting October 2025
- h. Board of Review Minutes March 2024 and 2025
- i. Notice of Work session Meeting of the Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Fire updates. Fire Chief Nelson gave updates.
- b. Old trailer pump update.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve up to \$2,000.00 for a gauge and spanner wrench.

The Fire Chief was called out on a fire call and unable to finish discussion.

11. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water operator updates
Water Operator T. Rodman was present.

Motion, D. Brown, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve up to \$5000.00 on necessary parts for the water department to have on hand.

- b. Forgiveness letter.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to forgive the excess water for the leak at E4644 in the amount of \$260.04

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 Playground is complete. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in June 2026.
- c. Junk update. Supervisor Nelson gave updates.
- d. Truck bids. One bid was received. It did not meet the \$1,000.00 minimum.

Motion A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to accept the bid from Keith Workman for the 1999 Ford F250 in the amount of \$500.00.

- e. Cemetery Sexton. We have not received any applicants. We will keep trying.
- f. Planning Commission appointments. TABLED
- g. Pavilion refrigerators. They have both been removed.
- h. DCRC email. No further questions.
- i. MDOT Supervisor is trying to set up a meeting.
- j. Audit

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by D. Brown CARRIED to accept the audit. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson, A. Wagner, J. Church. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

15. CURRENT LITIGATION UPDATES.

- a. Bateni.
 - i. Accessory Building. No update.
 - ii. Recovering of fees. No update.

- b. Tryan. Waiting to hear from attorney.

16. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Township Assessor. Supervisor Nelson had a question on updating. No other questions at this time.
- b. OMA Handbook.
- c. Address signs resolution to establish fees.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to adopt resolution #10-20-2025-1 with changes.

A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: A. Wagner, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson, J. Church. Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

- d. FOIA.
 - i. Handbook

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to purchase a new FOIA policy manual for the Clerk in the amount of \$31.00.

- ii. Rates. The clerk will update the rates Policy for next month.

- iii. Procedures and communications.

- e. Township Credit Card.

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to raise the limit on the Clerks Township Credit card to \$1,500.00 and Supervisor and Treasurer to \$1,000.00.

- f. Schedule of fees.

Motion, A. Wagner supported by J. Church CARRIED to adopt Resolution #10-20-2025-2 a resolution to Establish Fees.

A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: A. Wagner, J. Church, S. Nelson, R. Valentine, D. Brown. Nays: NONE Absent: NONE. Abstain: NONE

17. PUBLIC COMMENT.

C. Williams: concerns with OMA, and commented on police enforcement funding.

18. BOARD COMMENT.

S. Nelson commented on bridges and roads.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to adjourn at 9:16 pm.

Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

Date

*signed copies available at the Ford River Township Hall