

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 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, S. Nelson. Members absent: R. Valentine, J. Church

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

5. AGENDA

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by S. Nelson CARRIED to approve the agenda.

7. MINUTES

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by S. Nelson CARRIED to approve the Township Board meeting minutes for October 20, 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, S. Nelson, supported by A. Wagner CARRIED to approve the Consent to Agenda items.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Fire Department minutes October 2025
- b. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes October 2025
- c. Zoning Administrators report. October 2025
- d. State of Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs letter
- e. Delta County Township Association Annual meeting.
- f. Notice of work session of the Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee.
- g. Delta County Master Plan survey.
- h. Central UP Materials Management Plan survey.
- i. State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources letter

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Fire updates. Fire Chief Nelson gave updates.
- b. Old trailer pump update. Bid sheet to go up.

11. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water operator updates.
Water Operator T. Rodman gave updates.

12. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

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

13. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

- a. Christine Williams, District #3 was present and gave County updates.
- b. How Townships can benefit from FY26 Road Funding changes.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Policy update: TABLED
- b. Junk update. Supervisor Nelson gave updates. Citations now able to be written.
- c. Cemetery Sexton. Still no applicants.
- d. Planning commission appointments/term expiration dates. Clerk will put in newspaper.
- e. MDOT. The supervisor will contact the Sheriffs Dept and DCRC about a meeting to discuss safety on M35.

15. CURRENT LITIGATION UPDATES.

- a. Bateni.
 - i. Accessory Building. No update.
 - ii. Recovering of fees. No update.
 - iii. New civil rights complaint.
- b. Tryan.

16. NEW BUSINESS

- a. FOIA rate policy.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by S. Nelson CARRIED to approve the FOIA rate policy.

- b. CIMS Proposal.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by S. Nelson CARRIED to upgrade CIMS to Gold package in the amount of \$2,150.00.

- c. Possible Cemetery upgrades. TABLED

17. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Fire Chief Nelson commented on why the Fire Department no longer allows the filling of swimming pools.

18. BOARD COMMENT.

Supervisor Nelson: There are openings on our Planning Commission.

19. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by S. Nelson CARRIED to adjourn at 8:05pm.

Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

Date