

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2026 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, R. Valentine, J. Church Members absent: None

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** None

**5. AGENDA**

The supervisor added 16 f.

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

**7. MINUTES**

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church CARRIED to approve the Township Board meeting minutes for December 15, 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, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church CARRIED to approve the Consent to Agenda items.

**9. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Fire Department minutes December 2025
- b. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes December 2025
- c. Zoning Administrators report. December 2025
- d. Delta County Clerks Association Meeting December 2025
- e. 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.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to accept the fire chiefs recommendation to add Shelby Starnes to the fire department as a Cadet.

**11. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

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

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Policy update: Tabled
- b. Junk updates. NONE

**15. CURRENT LITIGATION UPDATES.**

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

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church CARRIED to seek final judgement.  
Roll Call vote was taken:

AYES: Valentine, Church, Wagner, Brown, Nelson NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

**16. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Miss Dig.

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church CARRIED to renew Miss Dig for 2026.

- b. Ford River Township Planning Commission Annual Report
- c. Letter from Hannula
- d. Budget meeting dates for FY 2026/2027 are Feb.10, 2026 and March 9, 2026
- e. Sign replacement policy.

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED to approve the sign replacement policy.

Roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Valentine, Wagner, Brown, Nelson, Church. NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

- f. Michigan Township Board of Review Training on Feb. 17, 2026.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to spend up to \$500.00 for BOR Training.

**17. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

J. Kaplan expressed disappointment regarding Attorney and STR loopholes.

**18. BOARD COMMENT.**

S. Nelson shared a conversation with Representative Preston.

**19. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to adjourn at 8:12pm.

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Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

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Date

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