

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 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

J. Deloria. The date is not correct on the agenda.

5. AGENDA

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

6. MINUTES

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve the Township Board meeting minutes for January 19, 2026

7. 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.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Fire Department minutes January 2026
- b. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes January 2026
- c. Zoning Administrators report. January 2026
- d. FBI letter
- e. Notice of Work Session Meeting of the Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee.
- f. Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee 2026 meeting dates.

9. DEPARTMENT UPDATES.

- a. Fire Department
Fire Chief Nelson was present and gave updates.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to spend up to \$15,500.00 on new turn out gear from MES Fire.

\$5,000.00 from the Hannahville grant, \$5,000.00 DNR match grant and the remaining \$5,500.00 (Township share of the match for DNR grant) to come out of the regular budget.

- b. Water System. Water operator Troy Rodman was unable to attend the meeting.

- c. Zoning. Zoning Administrator was present and gave updates.
- d. Assessor. Township Assessor was present.
- e. Maintenance

10. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

- a. Christine Williams, District #3 was present and gave County updates.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Policy update: Tabled

12. CURRENT LITIGATION UPDATES.

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

13. VIOLATION UPDATE

NONE

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. MTA letter TABLED
- b. UPSET Letter
- c. Delta County Townships Association 2026 membership dues

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by D. Brown, CARRIED to renew Delta County Townships Association membership in the amount of \$302.85

- d. Resolution to set an alternate date for the March Board of Review first taxpayer appeal meeting

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve Resolution #2-16-26-1. A Resolution to set an alternate date for the March Board of Review First Taxpayer Appeal Meeting.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Wagner-Valentine-Brown-Nelson-Church. Nays: NONE Absent: NONE Abstain: NONE

- e. Resolution for poverty exemption income guidelines and asset level test.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to approve Resolution #2-16-26-2 a Resolution for Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Level Test. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Wagner-Church-Nelson-Valentine-Brown. Nays: NONE Absent: NONE Abstain: NONE

- f. UPPCO is hosting an appliance pick up October 7, 2026.
- g. Road signs.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT.

NONE

16. BOARD COMMENT.

D. Brown thanked Christine Williams for updating the Board at every meeting,

and commented how nice it is to have our Commissioner at our meetings.
S. Nelson thanked Christine Williams for setting up the meeting on Friday.

17. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:16pm.

Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

Date