

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 20, 2026 FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor, S. Nelson, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Members present: S. Nelson, D. Brown, J. Church, R. Valentine and A. Wagner

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

5. AGENDA

Supervisor added 8g. March Board of Review Meeting Minutes

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

6. MINUTES

- a. Township Board Regular Meeting minutes-March 23, 2026

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to approve Township Board Regular Meeting minutes March 23, 2026.

- b. Township Board Special Meeting minutes-March 31, 2026

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to approve the Township Board Special Meeting minutes March 31, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING WITH C2AE

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to open the public hearing with C2AE. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Church, Valentine, Brown, Nelson Nays: NONE Absent: NONE Abstain: NONE

A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD WITH NO DECISIONS MADE

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to close the public hearing with no decisions made. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Church, Valentine, Wagner Nelson, Brown Nays: NONE Absent: NONE Abstain: NONE

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to adopt resolution number 4-20-26-01 A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Church, Wagner, Valentine, Brown, Nelson. Nays: NONE Absent: NONE Abstain: NONE

7. CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

- 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 March 2026
- b. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes March 2026
- c. Zoning Administrators report. March 2026
- d. Delta County Township Association Meeting Minutes February 2026
- e. Notice of work session meeting of the Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee.
- f. State of Michigan/Upper Peninsula Power Company Case No. U-22030
- g. March Board of Review Meeting Minutes.

9. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to accept the Fire Chiefs recommendation to add Trevor Dayley to the Fire Department.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to approve up to \$325.00 to have an alteration done on Dual Purpose pants.

Motion, J. Church, supported by D. Brown, CARRIED to spend up to \$500.00 on a new battery for a defibrillator.

- b. Water System. The Water Operator was present and gave updates.
 - i. Cross connection control program.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to adopt the Cross connection control program. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Wagner, Valentine, Brown, Church, Nelson. Nays: NONE Absent: NONE Abstain: NONE

- c. Zoning. Zoning Administrator, Brett Jenshak was present and gave updates. He supplied information on Data Centers.
- d. Assessor.
- e. Maintenance.

10. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

Commissioner Williams was present and gave County updates.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. MTA Letter. No action taken.

12. CURRENT LITIGATION UPDATES

- a. Bateni. The supervisor gave updates.

13. VIOLATION UPDATES

Supervisor Nelson sent five blight letters.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Speaking at Township Meetings.
It has been requested that we use microphones for the public comments.
Supervisor Nelson will look into this.
- b. Stenberg Brothers

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to pay Stenberg Brothers \$525.00 per month for Port-a-pot services.

- c. Publication for Clean up Days. No action taken.
- d. Township charges and credit cards. No Action taken.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Busick expressed concerns regarding training pay.
S. Nelson. The Red Cross is looking for volunteers.
D. Brown reminds Board members not to give out personal numbers without approval.
Please turn heat or a/c off when meetings are over.
Board of review members can re-submit vouchers for additional pay.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine to adjourn at 9:36pm.

Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

Date