

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 15, 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

J. Ham commented on STR and traffic issues on M-35

5. AGENDA

Supervisor Nelson requests water be moved to the top of the agenda. (b)

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

9B. WATER

Water operator was present and gave updates.

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church CARRIED to hire Jacob Rodman as a relief water operator subject to documentation.

6. MINUTES

- a. Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes-May 18, 2026

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to approve Township Board Regular Meeting minutes May 18, 2026.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Wagner, Valentine, Brown and Nelson. Nays: Church
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 May 2026
- b. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes May 2026
- c. Zoning Administrators Report. May 2026
- d. Notice of work session meeting of the Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee.
- e. FBI Letter
- f. Delta County Township Association Meeting Minutes
- g. J. Church read a letter from Tricia and Scott Pendergraft (Not on the agenda)

9. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

- c. Zoning. Zoning Administrator, Brett Jenshak was present and gave updates.
- d. Assessor.
- e. Maintenance.

10. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

Commissioner Williams was unable to attend. Supervisor Nelson read Commissioner Williams' update to the Board.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Amendment to Ford River Township Zoning Ordinance for Short-Term Rental Regulations.
Richard Ness addressed the Board.
Julie Hoffmeyer addressed the Board.

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to Adopt the Amendment to the Ford River Township Zoning Ordinance for Short-Term Rental Regulations.
A Roll Call vote was taken: Ayes: Church, Valentine, Nelson Nays: Brown, Wagner
Absent: NONE Abstain: NONE.

- b. Township policies TABLED.
- c. Fire Department Accounting Township Policy TABLED.

12. CURRENT LITIGATION UPDATES

- a. Bateni. The supervisor gave updates.

Motion, S. Nelson, supported J. Church CARRIED to no longer pursue Bateni for legal fees. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Nelson, Church, Valentine, Brown, Wagner. Nays: NONE. Absent: NONE. Abstain: NONE

- b. Tryan. The old case was dismissed. It is now a zoning violation.
The supervisor will get an answer for next month.

13. VIOLATION UPDATES

The supervisor gave updates.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Meeting How to Run Now You Know LIVE Webinar-Meeting Misconceptions
- b. Unpaid invoices needing approval

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to purchase grave markers (after the fact) for \$749.85

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to purchase (after the fact) lights from Pomasl Fire Equipment, Inc.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to pay (after the fact) yearly online software fees to Firestation Software.

- c. Body Cameras

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to spend up to \$250.00 on body cameras.

d. Neighborhood safety signs

Motion, J. Church, supported by A. Wagner CARRIED to purchase 100 safety signs 24x36 for \$1,007.00 plus tax and shipping for Township residents.

e. Michigan Township Association annual dues.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to renew annual membership to Michigan Township Association in the amount of: \$1,906.73

f. Public Safety revenue sharing TABLED

g. Set fee for license under resolution TABLED

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Kaplan commented on Short Term rentals

J. Ham Commented on a traffic study

18. BOARD COMMENTS

Brian and Steve Nelson commented on the cost of an addition to the Fire Hall.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church CARRIED to adjourn at 10:07pm.

Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

Date