

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 17, 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, A. Wagner
Absent: R. Valentine

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

5. AGENDA

Supervisor Nelson added to 12d, a letter to the Board from Jill Benard.

6. MINUTES

- a. Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes-July 20, 2026

Motion, S. Nelson, supported by D. Brown CARRIED to approve Township Board Regular Meeting minutes July 20, 2026.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: S. Nelson, D. Brown, A. Wagner. Nays: J. Church
Absent: R. Valentine. Abstain: NONE

7. GUEST SPEAKER

8. 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 A. Wagner, CARRIED to approve the consent to agenda items.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Fire Department minutes July 2026
- b. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes June 2026
- c. ~~Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes July 2026~~
(NOT RECEIVED)
Zoning Administrators report was not received because Planning Commission did not approve Minutes for July.
- d. City of Escanaba Notice of Adoption of Master Plan
- e. Notice of Work Session Meeting of the Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee.
- f. Upper Peninsula Telephone Company

10. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to Approve the MES quote for \$975.00 for SCBA flow testing.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to Approve the Pomasl quote for up to \$4,500.00 for hoses which includes shipping. (\$3,890.00 to be a grant expense, and up to \$610.00 from Fire Department budget)

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to Approve up to \$300.00 for CPR/AED recertification.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to Approve up to \$360.00 including shipping for books from Michigan State Firemen's Association.

Motion, J. Church, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED to spend up to \$700.00 including shipping for a new gas detector meter.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to send Doug Price to the Instructors Conference, including mileage and hotel, for up to \$1,200.00

i Grant application Resolution

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by D. Brown, CARRIED to approve Resolution #8-17-2026-01. A Resolution to apply for the Michigan Department of Treasury Fire Department Equipment Grant.

A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: A. Wagner, D. Brown, J. Church, S. Nelson. Nays: NONE. Absent: R. Valentine. Abstain: NONE

ii. Fire Equipment Grant Program Application was discussed.

iii Resolution Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association Agreement

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to approve Resolution #08-17-2026-02. A Resolution Approving Amended Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association (MI-MABAS) Agreement.

A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: A. Wagner, J. Church, D. Brown, S. Nelson. Nays: NONE. Absent: R. Valentine. Abstain: NONE

b. Water. Water Operator Troy Rodman was present and gave updates.

The supervisor would like the Resolution modified to remove "and install a security camera system." Supervisor Nelson will apply for a 2% Hannahville Grant for Camera system.

Motion, D. Brown, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to adopt the Michigan Township Participation Plan Risk Reduction Grant Funding for Safety improvements for the Ford River Township Water System modified.

c. Zoning. Zoning Administrator Brett Jenshak was present. No updates.

d. Assessor.

e. Maintenance.

11. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

Commissioner Williams was present. No updates.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Township Policies TABLED

b. Purchasing policy TABLED

c. Public Safety Revenue Sharing

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to give 37.5% of awarded funds to Delta County Sheriff's Department, 37.5 % to UPSET, and the remaining 25% for Township Safety.

- d. Set fee for license under resolution
A letter was received from Jill Benard
TABLED
- e. M35 Traffic issues

13. CURRENT LITIGATION UPDATES

- a. Bateni. No update.
- b. Tryan. No update.

14. VIOLATION UPDATES

- a. Zoning violations will be reported next month.
- b. Township violations. The supervisor gave updates with the Health Dept. on 3571 K Road. Update on M35.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Audit. Will take place on August 18, 2026 for fiscal year 4/1/2025-3/31/2026
- b. MTA training.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to spend up to \$1,500.00 for training on September 29 and 30, 2026

- c. MSU Zoning Administrator training

Motion, J. Church, supported by A. Wagner CARRIED to send the Zoning Administrator for Certification for up to \$1,500.00.

- d. Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by D. Brown, CARRIED to approve the Supervisors recommendation to appoint Joshua Drage to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to approve the Supervisors recommendation to appoint Debbi Brown to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate.

- e. Dust Control Agreement

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to enter into an agreement with Delta County Road Commission for dust control.

- f. Recreation plan update.

Motion, D. Brown, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED to enter into a contract CUPPAD update our Recreation Plan in the amount of \$3,500.00.

- g. OSF/MMR

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

Christine Williams shared concerns about the Townships policy on Special Use Permits.

Diane Dahlquist: commented on Special Use Permits. Thanks for Agenda on Website and the issues with Zoom.

17. BOARD COMMENTS

NONE

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to adjourn at 9:17 pm.

Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

Date