FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 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, R. Valentine

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

5. AGENDA

Supervisor Nelson added to #7. Guest Speaker, John Kotes.
Clerk Brown added Pomasl invoice #104061 to 10A fire department business.

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

6. MINUTES

a. Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes-August 17, 2026

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to approve Township Board Regular Meeting minutes August 17, 2026

7. GUEST SPEAKER

John Kotes from Hartleb Insurance presented a proposal for consideration**.**

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 R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve the consent to agenda items.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Fire Department minutes August 2026
b. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes July 2026
c. Ford River Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes August 2026
d. Zoning Administrators Report July 2026
e. Zoning Administrators Report August 2026
f. Notice of Work Session Meeting of the Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee.
g. US Department of Justice FBI Letter

10. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

Motion R. Valentine, supported by A. Wagner CARRIED to approve an additional $126.78 on Pomasl invoice #10461.

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

Motion, D. Brown, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to purchase Meters and Endpoints from Blue Water Solutions in the amount of $7,275.00 plus shipping costs. .

c. Zoning. Zoning Administrator Brett Jenshak was present.
d. Assessor.
e. Maintenance.

11. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

Commissioner Williams was absent. A. Wagner read updates.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Township Policies.

Motion R. Valentine, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to adopt the Ford River Township Policy Manual as previously discussed.

b. Set fees for STR License

Motion A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to Adopt Resolution #09-21-2026-1, a Resolution to Establish Short-Term Rental License Fees with noted changes.
Roll Call: Nays: Wagner, Valentine, Brown, Church, Nelson. Nays: None
Absent: None. Abstain: None

c. Traffic Issues.

CURRENT LITIGATION UPDATES

a. Bateni. The supervisor gave updates.
b. Tryan. No update.

14. VIOLATION UPDATES

a. Zoning violations. 3 letters were sent on STR violations.
b. Township violations. The supervisor gave updates.

15. NEW BUSINESS

a. Noise Ordinance. TABLED
b. MTA Online Learning
c. Training Michigan Chapter APA
d. Insurance Renewal. TABLED

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt LeClaire commented on Traffic Issues on M35 by Breezy Point.

17. BOARD COMMENTS

D. Brown reminded residents of UPPCO used appliance pick up.
S. Nelson thanked Kenny at Meisters Store for allowing the speed sign on his property.
R. Fettig asked about Michigan Chapter APA training

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to adjourn at 9:58 pm.

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Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk Date