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**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2023 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, R. Valentine, J. Church, and A. Wagner  
Members absent: NONE

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

D. Kleikamp: Stated that he brought up to the Planning Commission last week that Sara Ribble made a comment two or three months ago that her family is interested in being a grower of Marijuana. He feels this is a conflict of interest. With all the issues going on in the County with solar, he feels we should avoid this at all costs.  
R. Nelson: There should be a turn off lane on H road.

**5. AGENDA**

Supervisor added: 8b. County Picnic Treasurer added: 15e Tax Letter

Motion, R. Valentine, support, J. Church, CARRIED to approve the agenda with changes.

**6. MINUTES**

Motion, J. Church, support, R. Valentine CARRIED to approve the May 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes.

**7. CONSENT TO AGENDA**

- a. Financial Reports May 2023.
- b. Assessors Report for May 2023.

Motion, J. Church, support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve the Consent to agenda.

**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes May 3, 2023
- b. DCTA 39th Annual Picnic will be held at Pioneer Trail Park on July 20, 2023

**9. PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Motion, D. Brown, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED to enter closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion, D. Brown, support, R. Valentine to return to open session with no action taken in closed session.

**10. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

- a. Fire Reports/Calls May 2023  
Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to approve the fire report for May 2023

- b. The Fire Chief gave updates.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to purchase LED lights for up to \$600.00.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to purchase tires for Unit 4 from Poms Tire for \$6228.84 approve the fire report.

Fire Chief Nelson, would like to thank everyone who dropped off water or helped with the fire this last Saturday. Also Little Caesars for the donation of Pizza for the Fire Fighters.

#### **11. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

- a. Water system report-April 2023

Motion, A. Wagner, support, B. Valentine, CARRIED to accept the water report for May 2023.

- b. Water operator updates. Troy Rodman, Water Operator was present and gave updates.
- c. Billing Register. All normal.
- d. Water rate increase TABLED

Motion, J. Church, support, A. Wagner to table the Water rate increase until all board members have a chance to go over the Resolution presented.

#### **12. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS**

- a. The Zoning Administrator gave updates and the May 2023 Zoning report.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, D. Brown, CARRIED to acknowledge the Zoning report for May 2023.

- b. Master plan update: Moving along now that survey is closed.

#### **13. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS**

- a. District #3 report/update  
**ABSENT**

#### **14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Marijuana. Still in hands of the Planning Commission. A sampler Ordinance was presented to the Board for review.
- b. Bike Path/Committee. Nothing to report for updates.
- c. Emergency Generator.

Motion, A. Wagner, support J. Church CARRIED to accept the bid from Wolverine Power Systems for \$16,233.62 for a Emergency Generator

A Roll Call vote was taken:

AYES: J. Church, A. Wagner, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson    NAYS: NONE

- d. 911 signs: Supervisor gave updates. Waiting on the County to amend their Ordinance.
- e. Playground grant. Supervisor gave updates.

#### **15. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Payment of bills
  - i. GF Total: \$ 21,781.72
  - ii. WF Total: \$ 3,998.07
  - iii. LF Total: \$ 168.11

Motion, J. Church, support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to pay the bills as presented.

- b. Township property: Signs have been put out to encourage residents to use Township River Property for their enjoyment.
- c. MTA upcoming training. The MTA is putting on “UP Education Extravaganza at The Island Resort.  
The Clerk and Deputy have previously signed up for the Cemetery Management and Administration in Gaylord MI on June 20th. Clerk was able to change that enrollment to this location for July 18th.

The following Training was approved:

Motion, A. Wagner, support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to allow up to 6 people to attend “Insights into Planning and Zoning” for a total of up to \$540.00 on July 18th.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to allow up to 3 people to attend “Financial Fundamentals” for a total of up to \$270.00 on July 19th.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to allow up to 4 people to attend “Hot topics for Township Fire Departments” for a total of up to \$360.00 on July 19th.

- d. MTA Membership renewal:

Motion, A. Wagner, support, R. Valentine CARRIED to renew MTA Membership for \$1644.00

- e. Tax Letter. Treasurer would like to finish up the letter which goes in tax bills by Friday. If anyone has anything they would like to see go in the letter, please contact her.

**16. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

D. Kleikamp: County Commissioner business, the only time Bob Barron has been here is to inform us he’s running. It’s been 8 months he’s not been here. He’s not doing his duty to us. Maybe notify Dave Moyle, and if he needs a police escort, we could arrange that for him. The Township should notify him, this is inappropriate. We need to hold him responsible.

R. Fettig: Would like information on the re-cycling this September put in the tax letter.  
R. Scott: \$110.00 per foot for 8 inch. \$160,000.00 to run a second water line. The current loan will be paid in a few years and we should consider starting the work on a new one now and cover the painting.

C. Williams: quite a few people using the property, suggested no fire sign and pedestrian crossing signs.

R. Nelson would like to see a turn out lane for H Road.

**16. BOARD COMMENT.**

D. Brown: Thanks to the fire department for the fantastic job on last weeks fire. George is making trash cans for the river property. There is no burning now. If there is an issue it will be addressed.

S. Nelson: The recycling day is for Ford River Township residents and there will be more information coming. He will run R. Nelson's concerns by MDOT. Traffic has increased on M35.

A. Wagner: Thanks to J. Church for the great job on the Ford River sign and asked her to pass it on. She thanks the FRFD for the great job they do.

J. Church thanks the Ford River Lions club, Matt Lund for putting in posts and Jeannie Kivi for making the sign. More to come.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:53pm .

Minutes approved by:

  
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Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

7/10/23  
Date