FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 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, A. Wagner and J. Church
Members absent: NONE

A moment of silence was observed for victims of 9/11

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

5. AGENDA

Supervisor added: 14f
Clerk added: 15g

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

6. MINUTES

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to approve the August 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes.

7. CONSENT TO AGENDA
   a. Financial Reports August 2023.
   b. Tax Collection Report August 2023.
   c. Assessors Report for August 2023.

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

8. COMMUNICATIONS
   a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes August 2, 2023.

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS
   a. Fire Reports/Calls August 2023
      Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to approve the fire report for August 2023

   b. The Fire Chief gave updates.

Raffle tickets now on sale $5.00 each, drawing in December.
Pancake breakfast October 22nd at the Highland.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to approve two new members to the fire department. Alex Fleck and Austin Stephens.

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10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS
   a. Water system report-August 2023

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by B. Valentine, CARRIED to accept the water report for August 2023.

   b. Water operator updates. Troy Rodman, Water Operator, gave updates.
   c. Billing Register.

12. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS
   a. The Zoning Administrator gave updates and the August 2023 Zoning report.
   b. Master plan update: No draft yet.

13. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS
   a. District #3 report/update

   ABSENT

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. Bike Path: No update. Taking off agenda until progress is made.
   b. 911 signs: County is finishing up changes.
   c. Playground grant. CUPPAD gave a presentation.
   d. Policy updates. Brown made copies of copies for Board members to review and discuss next month.
   e. Litigation updates:
      i. Ford River Township vs Batini: multiple zoning violations. Court hearing Feb 23, 2024
      ii Kaplan vs Ford River Township: FOIA violation. Court hearing October 6, 2023
   f. Emergency Generator: Work will be starting on September 25, 2023.

14. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Payment of bills
      i.   GF Total: $ 47,291.41
      ii.   WF Total: $ 2,801.46
      iii. LF Total: $ 279.85

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

   b. Elections: Clerk Brown updated the Board on changes for the 2024 Elections.

Motion, J. Church, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED to join Delta County in the early election plan.
   c. Security Cameras:

Motion, J. Church, supported by A. Wagner to spend up to 12,000.00 on security cameras.

   d. Escanaba City power franchise agreement. TABLED for more information.

   e. MTA training in Harbor Springs.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by D. Brown, CARRIED to send Trustees to training for up to $2000.00

    f. Discussion about equipment to continue Zoom.

Motion, J. Church, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED to purchase a new zoning computer for up to $1500.00.

    g. Hannula Insurance.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to pay Hannula Insurance the annual insurance premium of $13,539.00

15. PUBLIC COMMENT.

G. LaFave asked what the blue flags were for

R. Fettig: Asked for clarification on UPPCO appliances eligible for drop off.
      There is free water well testing thru EGLE
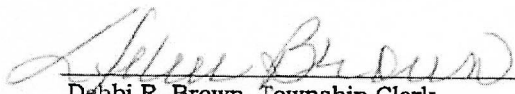
16. BOARD COMMENT.

Supervisor explained civil infractions and changing ordinances.

Clerk asked R. Nelson how many spots are in question at cemeteries so we can get a quote on ground penetrating radar.

Treasurer: will be collecting taxes on Thursday.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion, J. Church, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:50 pm
Minutes approved by:

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Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk   Date