

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2022 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. Scott.  
Members absent: J. Church Members present on Zoom: A. Wagner from Brown County, WI

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**5. AGENDA**

Motion,R. Scott, support, D. Brown, CARRIED to approve the agenda.

**6. MINUTES**

Motion, R. Scott, support, S. Nelson, CARRIED to approve the September 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes as amended, approve the October 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, and approve the October 10, 2022 Election Commission Meeting Minutes.

**7. CONSENT TO AGENDA**

- a. Financial Reports September 2022.
- b. Assessors Report for September 2022.

Motion, R. Scott, support, S. Nelson, CARRIED to approve the Consent to agenda items.

**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Ford River Planning Commission Meeting Minutes September August 3, 2022.
- b. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes, July 26, 2022.
- c. Hannahville 2% grant was not approved at this time
- d. Recycling. UPPCO would like to set up a spot at Hall to pick up old appliances.

**9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

- a. Fire Reports/Calls October 2022  
Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.
- b. Fire Chief Updates. Received grant approval from Hannahville

Motion, R. Scott, support, D. Brown, CARRIED, to approve the fire report.

**10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

- a. Water system report- October 2022  
Water Operator Troy Rodman was present and gave updates.

Motion, D. Brown, support, R. Scott, CARRIED to accept the water report for October 2022.

- b. Billing Register October 2022.

Motion, R. Scott, support, S. Nelson, CARRIED to accept the billing register for October 2022.

**11. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS**

- a. The Zoning Administrator gave updates and the October 2022 Zoning report.

Motion, D. Brown, support, R. Scott, CARRIED to accept the Zoning report for October 2022.

- b. Special use permit renewals/fees for Short term rentals. / TABLED

**12. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS**

- a. T. Nelson thanks Fire Dept and others for street sign input/ours are done now.

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Old Audit. Bruce is off with health issues. The Treasury is working with SL&H.
- b. Marijuana. Waiting on Lawyer.
- c. Cemetery/Russ Take off Agenda.
- d. Old Inventory TABLED
- e. Bike Path/Committee. Had one meeting, ready to schedule another.
- f. Hall floors/bids

Motion, R. Scott, support, D. Brown, CARRIED to hire Albert Flooring for \$5000.00 to refinish hall floors.

- g. Attorney opinion on Trustee. There is no conflict with new Trustee B. Valentine and First-Bank or Paul Dagenais as long as he does not vote on any issues that involve Paul personally or the Bank.

- h. Credit cards TABLED

- i. New Audit. Can't do anything until the old Audit is finished.

- j. Generator. S. Nelson presented an estimate for \$19,203.62 plus annual \$650.00.

Supervisor has applied for a Michigan Par Plan grant. TABLED

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Payment of bills

i.	GF Total:	\$ 18,908.61
ii.	WF Total:	\$ 3,412.95
iii.	LF Total:	\$ 158.10

- b. Conflicts Supervisor states: to be a conflict you have to actually have to personally be in a position to profit by your decision. D. Brown states the actual comment was made against S. Nelson and C. Detiege being his son in law and A. Wagner and D. Brown being mother and daughter. A. Wagner speaks on this subject as it relates to Clerk and Treasurer. She gave background on the township having seven clerks in six years, that due diligence was done prior to hiring D. Brown for this very reason. Explained the transparency in process that exists today and that all measures have been vetted and audited to ensure the township is protected regardless of who is ever Clerk and Treasurer. Invited the public to reach out to see any of said processes at any time.

S. Nelson makes the point that it is not considered a conflict under michigan law, it is considered nepotism.

- He has never voted on any topics including his son in laws hiring or salary.
- c. DTE agreement TABLED
  - d. Request for Child with Autism signs. Supervisor will get estimates.
  - e. Terms expiring. Supervisor will run an ad for next month.

**15. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT.**

**D. Jahnke** thanks T. Nelson

**R. Fettig** thanks T. Nelson Happy Thanksgiving

**C. Detiege** new master plan has been started.

**D. Brown** thanks Election workers and T. Nelson

**R. Scott** Thanks people of Ford River Township and the Board for the experience and he really really enjoyed it.

Multiple people thank Randy

**Supervisor Nelson** Thanks Randy. A great asset to this Board. He will be missed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion, R. Scott, support, D. Brown, CARRIED to adjourn at 7:58pm .

*Drew Brown*

*12-12-22*

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**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2022 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**  
NONE

**5. AGENDA**

Supervisor added to agenda:

15e: DNR grant. 15f: Budget Workshop. 15g: Zoom participants. 10d: Dixon Engineering. 14k: junk response.

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

**6. MINUTES**

Motion, J. Church, support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve the November 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes.

**7. CONSENT TO AGENDA**

- a. Financial Reports November 2022.
- b. Assessors Report for November 2022.

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

**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Ford River Planning Commission Meeting Minutes November 1, 2022.

**9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

- a. Fire Reports/Calls November 2022  
Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.

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

- b. Fire Chief Updates. Thanks residents for purchasing raffle tickets.  
FRFD participated in the Christmas parade.

Motion, J. Church, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to purchase lights for the front of truck for up to \$400.00.

Motion, J. Church, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to purchase a mounting box for truck for up to \$300.00.

**10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

- a. Water system report-November 2022

Water Operator Troy Rodman was present and gave updates.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED to accept the water report for November 2022.

- b. Water operator updates.  
Normal month. leak at E4625. Owner has been notified and water is off.
- c. Billing Register November 2022.
- d. Dixon- We will look at this at the Township/water budget workshop.

**11. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS**

- a. The Zoning Administrator gave updates and the November 2022 Zoning report.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to accept the Zoning report for November 2022.

- b. Special use permit renewals/fees for Short term rentals. / TABLED  
This will be discussed at the Budget workshop and come off the agenda for now.

**12. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS**

- a. District #3 report/update  
NONE

**13. MASTER PLAN**

- a. Update: Zoom meeting fell through. We will do that next month. Want to have a workshop with the Township Board, Planning Commission and public.

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Old Audit. Nothing new to report.
- b. Marijuana. Still waiting on Lawyer.
- c. Old Inventory. Will put remaining items on Facebook.
- d. Bike Path/Committee. Zoom meeting with MDOT on Jan 12th..
- e. Credit cards.

Motion, J. Church, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED to close the Wells Fargo credit card accounts and open new accounts at First-Bank.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES:

J. Church  
A. Wagner  
D. Brown  
S. Nelson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

R. Valentine

- f. Emergency Generator: TABLED. Waiting to hear about a grant.
- g. DTE agreement: Mich-Con Ordinance was found.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, D. Brown CARRIED to adopt Ordinance #2022-12-12, DTE Gas company franchise agreement.  
A roll call vote was taken:

AYES:

J. Church  
A. Wagner  
D. Brown  
R. Valentine  
S. Nelson

NAYS: None

- h. Estimate for Child with Autism sign

Motion, A. Wagner, support, D. Brown, CARRIED to purchase Child with autism signs from the Delta County Road Commission in the amount of \$535.31

- i. Expiring terms.

Supervisor Nelson recommends the following:  
Randy Scott and Julie Hoffmeyer (alternate) for Board of Appeals, for a three year term to expire 12/31/2025

Motion, D Brown, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Randy Scott to the Board of Appeals and Julie Hoffmeyer as the alternate on the Board of Appeals.

Supervisor Nelson recommends the following:  
Keith Mineau be re-appointed and Sara Ribble be appointed to the Planning Commission, for a three year term ending 12/31/2025

Motion, A. Wagner, support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to re-appoint Keith Mineau and appoint Sara Ribble to the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Nelson recommends re-appointing all current members to the Board of Review for a two year term ending 12/31/2024

Motion, A. Wagner, support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to re-appoint the current members, Russ Nelson, Bill Nelson, Judy Deloria, Josh Busick (alternate) and Jo Royer (alternate)

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES:

A. Wagner

D. Brown  
R. Valentine  
S. Nelson

NAYS:  
NONE

ABSTAIN:  
J. Church

j. 911 sign update.

Motion, A. Wagner, support J. Church, CARRIED, as for the last five years, we are still intending to proceed with this project.

k. Junk notices: Treasurer will check on taxes for the Junk complaint on M35. We still have two others that need action. Supervisor will have our attorney send letters.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Payment of bills

i.	GF Total:	\$ 18,908.61
ii.	WF Total:	\$ 3,412.95
iii.	LF Total:	\$ 158.10

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

b. Meeting date resolution.

Roll call vote was taken to approve Ford River Township Resolution to establish regular Township Board meeting dates for the calendar year 2023. Resolution # 2022-12-12-1.

AYES:  
J. Church  
A. Wagner  
R. Valentine  
D. Brown  
S. Nelson

NAYS: NONE

c. Estimate for window coverings.

Motion, J. Church, Support, A. Wagner, CARRIED to approve Jorgensen Williams' estimate in the amount of \$4,071.00 with the Township installing as long as the warranty will still be valid.

d. Need a roof at South Cemetery.

Supervisor will seek bids for a metal roof for spring. Along with display cases for both.

e. Playground. Supervisor received word the Township has been approved for the DNR grant for the playground in the amount of \$83,600.00.

f. Budget workshop will be held on January 23, 2023 6pm. The February workshop will be

decided at the January Township board meeting.  
g. Zoom. Supervisor reminds everyone that the same requirements apply for public comment for Zoom participants. They must state their name and residential address.

#### **16. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT.**

**Judy Deloria** thanks the Township for donating the power for the tree at the triangle.  
**Jayne Church** thanks Jeanne Kivi for donating the tree.  
**Charles Detiege** said his township phone is not working. If anyone needs to reach him they can call the Township office and leave a message.  
**Christine Williams** would like the Board to review the public and board comments. If anyone is missing a pet duck, please let me know.  
**Russ Nelson** said there may be a change in the Veteran exemption next year.  
**Debbi Brown** thanks Bob for joining the Board.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:36pm

*Alex Brown, Clerk 1-9-23*