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**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 10, 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**  
NONE

**5. AGENDA**

Trustee J. Church added the following to the agenda:  
13i: Credit cards      14f: Clean up      14g: Pavilion

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

**6. MINUTES**

Motion, R. Valentine, support, J. Church CARRIED to approve the March 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes.

**7. CONSENT TO AGENDA**

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

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

**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes March 1, 2023

**9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

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

Motion, A. Wagner, support, B. Valentine, CARRIED, to approve the fire report.

- b. Fire Chief Updates.  
Pancake breakfast April 23rd. Highland Golf Club  
Volunteer firemen request mileage for training. Treasurer will look into it.

Motion J. Church, support, R. Valentine CARRIED to adopt resolution to support the Fire Cadet/Explorer Program.

Roll call: AYES: J. Church, D. Brown, A. Wagner, R. Valentine, S. Nelson      NAYS None

**10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

- a. Water system report-March 2023

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

- b. Water operator updates. Troy Rodman, Water Operator was present and gave updates.
- c. Billing Register. Trustee Church reminds Clerk of ordinance for shut offs for non-payment. Clerk will read the ordinance and send shut off notices according to ordinance from now on.
- d. A public hearing is scheduled for May 8th, 2023 to discuss water rates.

**11. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS**

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

Motion, D. Brown, support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to acknowledge the Zoning report for March 2023.

- b. Master plan update: Still hoping to get more completed surveys. Clerk and Deputy will work on sending out flyers.

**12. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS**

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

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Old Audit. Audit for 2019-2020 is complete. Board feels they need time to go over it. A special meeting is scheduled for April 17th at 7pm to discuss.
- b. Marijuana. The Planning Commission had a few questions.
- c.. Bike Path/Committee working with CUPPAD.
- d.. Emergency Generator. Grant applied for.
- e. 911 sign update: Paid the \$5000.00. Still going forward.
- f. Resolution to support CUPPAD hazardous mitigation plan.

Motion, J. Church, support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to adopt the 2023 Delta County Hazard Mitigation Plan

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

- g. Graef invoice.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED to pay the Graef invoice of 10,000.00

- h. Michigan Passport Grant. A mistake was made in last months resolution, the dollar amount was not correct. It should have stated \$28,000.00.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED to adopt a resolution to authorize Ford River Township to accept the terms of Agreement for receiving the Michigan Passport Grant without other grants for donated funds.

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

- i. Credit Cards. Treasurer will try to get to the bank during banking hours. TABLED.

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Payment of bills
  - i. GF Total: \$ 29711.38
  - ii. WF Total: \$ 46,202.68

- iii. LF Total: \$ 21.27
- b. Vanmeurs property will be going up on back taxes. Supervisor will contact a contractor to get an idea of the cost of clean up.
- c. Audit (New)

Motion, J. Church, support, Robert Valentine, CARRIED to hire Campbell Auditing CPA, PLC for the 2021-2022 audit in the amount of \$8,000.00.

- d. Cemetery Training Clerk.

Motion, R. Valentine, support, J. Church to send the Clerk to Cemetery training in Gaylord in the amount of \$100.00 with an overnight stay.

- e. Fee Resolution.

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, J. Church, CARRIED to adopt the new Fees Resolution.

- f. Clean-up

Motion, J. Church, Support, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to spend up to \$3,000.00 on the Ford River Cleanup days.

- g. Pavilion. Possibility of putting water in pavilion for rentals. Possibly in furnace room of Township Hall. Clerk will get estimates.

**15. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

C. Detiege: Erosion setbacks are updated.

D. Kliekamp: Feels as though our Township has nothing to gain by passing a Marijuana Ordinance. Concerned about water use. He thinks there are too many unanswered questions. He urges the Township to look at all factors before going ahead.

J. Kaplan: Agrees with Mr. Kliekamp. A good ordinance addresses all those issues.

S. Ripple: Wants to remind the community there are people who are passionate about this product and want to be able to do it in a place they love.

G. LaFave: feels it 100 ft is too close. Needs to be 500 feet.

**16. BOARD COMMENT.**

D. Brown: Hoping to get department inventory lists completed next month.

S. Nelson: One of the new Autism signs has been stolen. He asks the public to report any suspicious activity.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:57pm .

Minutes approved by:

  
Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

  
Date

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**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 17, 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**

NONE

**5. AGENDA**

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

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Audit 2019-2020.

Motion, R. Valentine, support, J. Church to accept the Audit and Treasurers Corrected Action Plan as presented.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

R. Fettig: urges the Board to use MTA books, community threads and focus magazines for resources. There is a lot of good information available. He feels the Township is going in the right direction.

**8. BOARD COMMENT.**

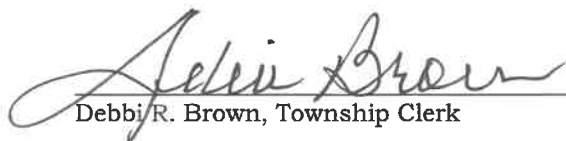
S. Nelson: Pancake Breakfast this Sunday at the Highland Golf Club.

A. Wagner: The MTA red book is what she uses.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED to adjourn at 9:00 pm .

Minutes approved by:

  
Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

5-8-23  
Date