

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 11, 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, A Wagner, J. Church, R. Scott
Members absent: NONE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Zoning Administrator added to agenda.

5. AGENDA

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

6. MINUTES

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes -March 14, 2022

Motion, J. Church, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular meeting minutes for March 14, 2022.

7. REPORTS

The following reports were acknowledged:

- a. Financial Reports for March 2022. The Treasurer and Clerk were in balance with the bank.
- b. Assessors Report for March 2022.

8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Ford River Planning Commission Meeting Minutes March 2, 2022
- b. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Special Meeting January 28,2022

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Fire Reports/Calls March 2022
Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.
- b. Fire Chief Updates

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

10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water system report-March 2022

Motion, A. Wagner, support R. Scott, CARRIED, to acknowledge the Water System report.

- b. Water Operator Mike Smith was present and gave updates.
- c. Billing Register March 2022.
- d. Water upgrades. Tabled until water meeting.
- e. Hook up policy fees. Tabled.
- f. Water workshop scheduled for Mon April 25, 2022 6:00pm

11. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

- a. Zoning Administrator gave updates and report.
Discussion on hiring a Planner for the Township.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Audit. Still nothing from Auditor.
- b. Marijuana. The Planning Commission is moving forward with approving retail and micro grow. The Township would like the Planning Commission to also look at cultivating in the appropriate zones.

Motion, A. Wagner, Support D. Brown, CARRIED to request the Planning Commission add indoor cultivation to their ordinance review along with micro grow and retail.

Roll call:

Ayes:

D. Brown

A. Wagner

R. Scott

S. Nelson

Nays:

None

Abstain:

J. Church

- c. Inventory. Clerk will make inventory sheets
- d. Re model bids.

One bid was presented by CJR along with his copy of liability insurance.

Motion, R. Scott, Support, A. Wagner, CARRIED to hire CJR General Services to do the remodeling project for the offices in the amount of \$10,835.00

Roll Call:

Ayes:

D. Brown

W. Wagner

J. Church

R. Scott

S. Nelson

Nays:

None

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Payment of bills:

i. GF Total: \$ 17,961.00

ii. WF Total: \$ 57,703.46

iii. LF Total: \$ 155.59

Motion, R. Scott, support, J. Church, CARRIED to pay the bills \$17,961.00 from the General fund, \$57,703.46 from the Water fund and \$155.59 from the Liquor fund.

- b. Treasurer had an issue with First-Bank. A representative from the Bank called her at home to inform her the account was overdrawn by \$14,000.00 and that

she needed to fix it. Treasurer quickly figured out this was a bank error and informed the bank. Eventually the President called and took responsibility for the error. Treasurer wants this on record.

- c. Stenberg. Septic should be pumped every four years.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, R. Scott, CARRIED to have septic pumped by Stenberg in the amount of \$250.00

- d. Township Cleanup.

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, D. Brown, CARRIED to move forward with the spring clean-up with a maximum of 200 vouchers for a total of \$5,000.00

- e. Bids lawn mowers. Supervisor will run ad for bids on two lawn mowers.
- f. DCRC Dust Control.

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, J. Church CARRIED to spend up to \$3000.00 on dust control.

- g. MDOT Resolution. Just a change in language to simplify when we apply for permits it will include our utilities instead of listing them all separate.

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, R. Scott, CARRIED, to adopt the Performance Resolution for Municipalities from Michigan Department of Transportation.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:
None

- h. CUUPAD Membership

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, J. Church, CARRIED to pay the CUPPAD Membership invoice in the amount of \$411.00.

- i. Planning Commission resignation.

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, R. Scott to accept the resignation of Scott Czasak from the Planning Commission.

- j. Capital Improvement Program.
- k. Joint Meeting. Will be discussed next month after Planning Commission meeting.

13. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT

K. Bateni asks the Board to allow Short Term Rentals to operate in the interim while a decision is made by the Planning Commission. She feels the pace that it is moving is placing undo burden on existing Short term rentals.

Supervisor explained that the Master Plan must be changed first and there are procedures that must be followed.

K. Bateni states she paid \$211.00 for a FOIA request that was not filled. She then changes that statement and stated that's how much it would have been.

D. Brown, Township Clerk, states she takes FOIA requests very seriously, and that Ms. Bateni did not want to move forward with the request. If she wanted the FOIA request filled, she could have paid the FOIA and it would have been filled as requested.

R. Fettig wishes everyone a Happy Easter and thanks the Board for coming to the 21st Century.

S. Czasak: Thank you to Board for the opportunity to serve.

D. Brown: The recording from last month may not have saved properly, but it seems everything is there.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, J. Church, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:40pm

Ashley Brown, Clerk 5-9-22