

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2021 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**

None

**5. AGENDA**

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

**6. MINUTES**

- a. Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes –October 11, 2021

Motion, R. Scott, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular meeting minutes for September 13, 2021.

**7. REPORTS**

The following reports were acknowledged:

- a. Financial Reports for October 2021. The Treasurer and Clerk were in balance with the bank.
- b. Assessors Report for October, 2021.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Ford River Planning Commission Meeting Minutes October 6, 2021.
- b. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes September 28, 2021
- c. Invitation to Delta County Township Association Annual Meeting

**9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

The following report was acknowledged:

- a. Fireman's Report for October, 2021– Maintenance Reports  
Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.

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

**10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

The following reports were acknowledged:

- a. Water system report

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

- b. Water Operator Mark Rose was present and gave updates.
- c. Billing Register October 2021.
- d. Water upgrades. Still looking for bids.
- e. Water Operator back-up. Tabled. Supervisor will run an ad for back up operator.

- f. Hook up policy. Tabled. Waiting on M. Rose to supply us with a true cost so we can update the policy.
- g. Easement Survey. The survey for Township property on K Road and Water easement have been completed. Supervisor Nelson will follow up with DNR.

**11. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS**

- a. Zoning Administrator report October 2021.
- b. Zoning Administrator updates.

Motion, A. Wagner, support J. Church, CARRIED, to accept the Zoning report.

- c. Zoning Administrator salary.

Supervisor has declared a conflict because the Zoning Administrator is his son in law.

Motion, A. Wagner, support J. Church, CARRIED, to update Zoning Administrators pay to 900.00 per month beginning October 1, 2021 based on \$20.00 per hour average of 45 hours per month with the expectation of attending the Township Board and Planning Commission regular meetings. All other meetings will be paid at the rate of \$50.00 per meeting.

A roll call vote was taken:

R. Scott: Aye  
 A. Wagner: Aye  
 J. Church: Aye  
 D. Brown: Aye  
 S. Nelson: Abstain.

- d. House bill 4722 and bill 5465 were discussed.
- e. Retro Active compliance. C. Detiege will reach out and get more information and bring to Board.

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Audit. Still nothing from Auditor.
- b. Marijuana. A public hearing will be held in February.
- c. Junk complaint:  
 M35: Supervisor will move forward with clean up and it will go on taxes. He will contact Delta County  
 J.5: K. Oman gave presentation on history of property. She asked for an extention until the ground freezes. Suggestion is made to give her until May 28<sup>th</sup> which is the date the mobile home has to be removed. A. Wagners concern is safety and asks it be made safe.

Motion, D. Brown, support, R. Scott, CARRIED to give K. Oman until June 1, 2022 to have the trailer, garbage, tires, metal and all debris cleaned up with no more extensions.

- d. Network: Tabled.
- e. 911 Signs. Supervisor is hoping to schedule meeting this month.
- f. River Cemetery.  
 No agreement from Attorney yet.

Survey completed.

Fence needs repairing and opening moved. D. Brown asked R. Mattson if the Conservation District would assist the Township on this project because The District has been involved in this bank restoration from the beginning.

Motion, D. Brown, support, J. Church CARRIED to enter into an agreement with Delta County Conservation District to handle the project at the River Cemetery.

Note: R. Scott abstain due to conflict.

- g. Plowing of Access site. Tabled.
- h. Purchasing policy. Treasurer reviewed purchasing policy. Dept heads can purchase up to 200.00 without approval.
- i. Delta Fence estimate. Tabled.

### 13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Payment of bills:

- i. GF Total: \$20,903.90
- ii. WF Total: \$3,245.65
- iii. LF Total: \$97.08

Motion, J. Church, support, R. Scott, CARRIED to pay the bills \$20,903.90 from the General fund, \$3,245.65 from the Water fund and \$97.08 from the Liquor fund.

b. Lawn mower trailer.

Motion, A. Wagner, support R. Scott, CARRIED, to purchase lawn mower trailer from Tractor Supply for \$1199.99.

- c. Portage Point citizens concerning tree removal. R. Mattson informs us the City of Escanaba will be removing the trees.
- d. Resolution from Planning Commission to amend Zoning Ordinance. Tabled.

### 14. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT

**B. McAdam:** Cemetery dates for memorial pickups didn't get on Website or facebook. Asked about meeting dates for next year.

**K. Cowan:** Lengthly Comment on K. Oman junk issue. Is a friend in support of Kate. He feels D. Brown was rude to Kate on the issue.

**D. Brown** Apologized to Kate if she felt she was rude to her, it wasn't meant that way.

**T. Nelson** Informs board they will be merging District 3 and District 4.

**R. Fettig:** Thanks our Veterans

**S. Czasak:** November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tuesday 7:00. Tree lighting in Escanaba.

**B. Nelson:** Reminder Fire Department raffle.

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, R. Scott, CARRIED to adjourn at 9:38pm

*Allen Brown, Clerk*  
*12/13/2021*