

# **FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING AUGUST 9, 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**

R. Mattson commented on 11F Cemetery survey. He has spoken to survey company and has offered to assist in survey end of August/early Sept. He personally wants to know where easement is so he can periodically check river bank.

R. Mattson commented on 12F in hopes Township can come to an agreement with Al Couillard on adding fill on easement on DNR property. He feels it's a benefit to both the Township and Mr. Couillard.

T. Harris asks about title insurance on property. She is referencing an easement.

#### **5. AGENDA**

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

#### **6. MINUTES**

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes –July 12, 2021

Motion, R. Scott, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular meeting minutes for July 12, 2021.

#### **7. REPORTS**

The following reports were acknowledged:

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

#### **8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Ford River Planning Commission Meeting Minutes June 2, 2021
- b. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes June 22, 2021
- c. Poverty Exemption Letter

#### **9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

The following report was acknowledged:

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

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

Motion, D. Brown, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED, to accept the fireman roster. (Copy attached.)

## **10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

The following reports were acknowledged:

- a. Water system report

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

- b. Water Operator Mark Rose was present and gave updates.
- c. Billing Register July 2021.
- d. Water upgrades. Water Operator needs to contact contractors and ask for bids for the 2022 season for work that must be done on the water system.

## **11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Audit. Still nothing from Auditor.
- b. Marijuana. The Township has had more requests for allowing Marijuana. The board will pass this on to the Planning Commission to discuss.
- c. Junk complaint: Supervisor gave updates.
- d. Network: Tabled.
- e. 911 Signs. No update at this time.
- f. River Cemetery/K Road Property surveys should take place by mid-September.
- g. Recreation plan has been presented to Planning Commission by CUPPAD

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Payment of bills:
  - i. GF Total: \$ 32,586.56
  - ii. WF Total: \$ 2,790.38
  - iii. LF Total: \$ 158.10

Motion, R. Scott, support, J. Church, CARRIED to pay the bills \$32,586.56 from the General fund, \$2,790.38 from the Water fund and \$158.10 from the Liquor fund.

- b. Zoning Administrator:
  - i. C. Detiege has contacted the DCRC for a price on signs for Zoning.
  - ii. C. Detiege would like to see an upgrade on media for presentations.
  - iii. C. Detiege requests training for himself and planning commission.

Motion, D. Brown, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED to send a total of nine people for training at \$275.00 each. A roll call vote was taken.

J. Church, Abstain

R. Scott, Abstain

A. Wagner, AYE

D. Brown, AYE

S. Nelson, AYE

- c. J. Church would like to know why the Water Dept charges \$25.00 per month when water is turned off. It was discussed that it is a charge for sustaining our system that everyone that has water available has to contribute to. If a customer wants off the system, they will have to pay to have the connection removed.

- d. Community foundation. Information on grants available to township is available through the Community Foundation. Supervisor has card if we ever feel it is a need for Township.
- e. Spectrum. Need faster internet.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, D. Brown, CARRIED to upgrade Spectrum to \$149.00 per month plus a \$99.00 install and have the phone included.

- f. Al Couillard/DNR Property. Al would like it put on the record that our Water operator treated him unprofessionally. He feels it was uncalled for. Mr. Couillard is inquiring about purchasing DNR property. Supervisor feels we don't have enough information to make a decision on this tonight, but understands Mr. Couillard only has a few days to decide on the property. He will ask the DNR to put a hold on the sale until more research can be done. R. Scott asks for a drawing of water lines in that area if we are going to discuss this again.
- g. Cemetery sexton has resigned. He was upset about hornets in the shed. G. LaFave is available to dig for cremations and N. Wagner can dig for full burial until the Township can find someone. Supervisor will run an ad.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED to accept Jamie Webber's resignation.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

- h. Credit cards. Currently we have a policy in place for credit cards for Board members and right now the only card active is the Treasurers.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, CARRIED to apply for credit cards at First-Bank for the Supervisor, Steve Nelson with a \$500 limit and the Clerk, Debbi Brown with a \$1,000 limit.

### 13. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT

R. Nelson: The unauthorized burial has been paid.  
D. Brown: We need to start looking for a plow truck or a different means for snow removal. Per our insurance company, we need liability insurance and contracts from all contractors.

### 14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, R. Scott, CARRIED to adjourn at 9:39pm

*Steve Brown*

9-13-21

8/1/2021

## FORD RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

#		NAME		Smoke ID #	HOME PH. #	CELL PH. #	Address
10	R	BRIAN NELSON	Chief	588224		906-280-0323	111 N. 12th. Apt. 305 Escanaba
2	R C	DOUG PRICE	Asst.Chief	558587	789-3438	906-420-0851	4435 K Rd. Escanaba
3	R C	DUSTIN LEVESQUE	Captain	622542		906-399-6199	6599 I Rd. Escanaba
4	R C	CHRIS GERMAIN	Captain	609280		906-420-2783	317 S.16th St. Escanaba
5	R	STEVE GODFREY JR.	Lieutenant	742632		906-241-3110	4550 K Rd, Bark River
6		TODD HOLLAND	Lt.Sec./Tr.	584376	786-0864	906-280-7537	1615 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S Escanaba
7	21	GRACE BLAIR		790540		727-992-2563	4490 13.75 RD, Escanaba
8	22	JARED LARSON		780782		906-280-8533	E4698 M35 Escanaba
9	23	RUSS NELSON		598584	786-4742	906-280-9052	1962 F Rd. Bark River
10	24	STEVE RADEMACHER		603180	789-9075	906-280-6545	3976 Hwy. M35 Escanaba
11	25	MITCHELL FLATH		790396		906-399-3716	1519 N 16TH ST. Escanaba
12	26	GAVIN LAMARCHE		790408		906-280-7927	1639 South 16 <sup>th</sup> St., Escanaba
13	27	DAN SALMON		580442	786-8145	906-399-9890	4590 K Rd. Bark River
14	28	HUNTER GODFREY		788896		906-241-1224	1422 N 16 <sup>th</sup> Street, Escanaba
15	29	STEVE NELSON		616671	789-9310	906-280-3461	2141 H Rd. Bark River
16	30	ANDY DEGRAND		708981		906-420-0223	3637 K Rd. Bark River
17	31	ROBERT AUTORE		782742		906-322-3786	4202 K Road, Bark River
18	32						
19	33						
20	34	TAYLOR WHALE		781213		406-920-0272	
21	35	PAUL PORATH		709104		906-235-5548	1999 14th Rd. Bark River, Mi.
22	36						
23	37	GERALD BUSICK		568720		906-280-9283	2700 8th Ave South, Escanaba
24	38	BRUCE LIPPENS		566241	466-2859		2655 14th Rd. Escanaba
25	39						
26	40	JAMIE PETERSON		565483	786-0966	906-241-7500	421 S. 11th St. Escanaba
27	41	KURT DUBORD		586909		906-399-7523	1213 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave S, Escanaba
28	42	ZACH DENOME		784730		906-280-6001	5109 13.75 Rd, Escanaba
29	43						
30	44						
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Command Firefighter

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