

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 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, R. Scott, J. Church
Members absent: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. AGENDA

Motion, R Scott, support A. Wagner, CARRIED to approve the Agenda.

6. MINUTES

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes –January 11, 2021

Motion, A. Wagner, support, R. Scott, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular meeting minutes for January 11, 2021.

7. REPORTS

The following reports were acknowledged:

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

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

The following report was acknowledged:

- a. Fireman's Report for January, 2021– Maintenance Reports
Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.
Fire Chief requests replacing spotlights.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, R. Scott, CARRIED, to replace 2 spotlights up to \$300.00 for the main fire trucks.

Fire Chief presented bids for repairs on Unit 2 fender. Supervisor will check with insurance company to see if this will raise our rates, if it does, the Township will cover the cost and Fire Chief stated they could use part of their fundraising money to help cover the cost.

Motion, D. Brown, support A. Wagner, CARRIED, to replacing front fender on Unit 2. for \$1200.00 at Derouins Auto Body.

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

10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

The following reports were acknowledged:

- a. Water system report
- b. Billing Register January 2021.
- c. Violation Notice from EGLE. Water operator will look into this, because he says we are in compliance and that it is on our website.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Supervisor gave updates on 911 signs. Just a few issues to finish up.
- b. Audit. Supervisor will stay on Bruce to complete.
- c. Marijuana tabled.
- d. Junk complaint: proper notification was given to property owner. This will be put on the agenda for March to discuss.
- e. Supervisor will run an ad to try to get a resident hired to sit on the Board of Appeals.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Payment of bills:
 - i. GF Total: \$20,809.71
 - ii. WF Total: \$2,255.00

Motion, R. Scott, support, J. Church, CARRIED to pay the bills \$20,809.71 from the General fund and \$2,255.00 from the Water fund.

- b. Approval of a Resolution to waive penalties for non-filing of Property Transfer Affidavits.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, D. Brown CARRIED to approve a Resolution to waive penalties for non-filing of Property Transfer Affidavits.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

- Ayes: R. Scott
 J. Church
 S. Nelson
 A. Wagner
 D. Brown

- c. Approval of a Resolution to allow local residents to Protest in Writing.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, D. Brown, CARRIED to approve a Resolution to allow local residents to Protest in Writing.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

- Ayes: R. Scott
 J. Church
 S. Nelson
 A. Wagner
 D. Brown

Nays: NONE

- d. Approval of a Resolution for Township Board salary increases.

Motion, A. Wagner, support R. Scott, CARRIED to approve Resolution #020821-1 to raise the Supervisors salary to \$15,059.89

A Roll Call vote was taken.

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

Nays: NONE

Motion, R. Scott, support J. Church, CARRIED to approve Resolution #020821-2 to raise the Treasurers salary to \$15,059.89 and \$300.00 from the water fund.

A Roll Call vote was taken.

Ayes: R. Scott
J. Church
S. Nelson
D. Brown

Nays: NONE

A. Wagner Abstained

Motion, R. Scott, support J. Church, CARRIED to approve Resolution #020821-3 to raise the Clerks salary to \$17,091.89 and \$1,800.00 from the water fund.

A Roll Call vote was taken.

Ayes: R. Scott
J. Church
S. Nelson

Nays: NONE

D. Brown and A. Wagner Abstained

Motion, A. Wagner, support D. Brown, CARRIED to approve Resolution #020821-4 to raise the Trustee salary to \$1,800.00.

A Roll Call vote was taken.

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

Nays: NONE

Non- Board Salary Increases April 2021.

Motion, R. Scott, support A. Wagner, CARRIED to accept the fee schedules as modified for April 1, 2021.

13. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT

Supervisor shared response from MDOT

High speed internet is in hall now. We will talk about changing office phone to Spectrum when the contract with AT&T is up.

R. Fettig asked about Webinars for training at the hall. We have the ability to do that now with Spectrum. Perhaps a computer or two for this purpose can be put in budget.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion A. Wagner, support, R. Scott, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:31pm.

Debbi Brown, Clerk

Approved:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debbi Brown".

3-8-21