

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 14, 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
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 –May 10, 2021

Motion, J. Church, support, R. Scott, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular meeting minutes for May 10,2021.

7. REPORTS

The following reports were acknowledged:

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

8. CONSENT TO AGENDA ITEMS

- a. FR Planning Commission Meeting Minutes May 5, 2021
- b. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes April 27, 2021

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

The following report was acknowledged:

- a. Fireman's Report for May, 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, D. Brown, CARRIED, to acknowledge the Water System report.

- b. Water Operator Mark Rose was present and gave updates.

- c. Billing Register May 2021.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to acknowledge the billing register for May 2021.

- d. Received application for new water line/customer.

Motion, J. Church, support, R. Scott, CARRIED, to approve Sally Benson to join the Township Water system.

- e. DNR Property auction/River crossing
Supervisor Nelson has located an Easement from 1974 on file at Delta Abstract which shows Ford River Township has a 20 ft Easement through this property.
- f. Water upgrades. Water operator stated it is difficult to get contractors to respond because they are all so busy. Board asks that he try to get a couple more quotes even if they are for 2022.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Audit. Supervisor Nelson and Trustee Church met with Mr. Dewer and will wrap up audit this week.
- b. Marijuana. Clerk will bring sample ordinances to July meeting.
- c. Junk complaints: Supervisor Nelson states progress is being made. He still has a few more complaints to deal with.
- d. Zoning Administrator. Interviews were conducted. Two applicants were present.

Motion, D. Brown, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED to hire Charles Detiege for Ford River Township Zoning Administrator to begin on July 1, 2021.

- e. Network Tabled.
- f. 911 sign update. Supervisor is waiting to hear back from Emily DeSalvo on progress.
- g. Road Commission sign. We will pay the \$1270.81 for Blind person signs as approved.
- h. FOIA Coordinator.

Motion, A. Wagner, support R. Scott, CARRIED to name the Township Clerk as Township FOIA Coordinator.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Payment of bills:
 - i. GF Total: \$26,989.42
 - ii. WF Total: \$4,487.97
 - iii. LF Total: \$155.59

Motion, R. Scott, support, J. Church, CARRIED to pay the bills General fund: \$26,989.42, Water fund: \$4,487.97 and Liquor fund: \$155.59.

- b. Update no smoking policy from August 2000

Motion, A. Wagner, support R. Scott, CARRIED to approve No Smoking Policy #06-12-21.

c. U.P.S.E.T.

Motion, J. Church, support A. Wagner, CARRIED, not to contribute to U.P.S.E.T. at this time.

d. MTA Membership Renewal

Motion, A. Wagner, support J. Church, CARRIED to renew the Townships MTA Membership for July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$1,477.09.

- e. Public Cemetery access. A problem with a property owner not granting public access to Ford River Township property through a public easement. Supervisor will send land owner a letter. Rory Mattson will walk the property with Supervisor to show him where lines are to access cemetery and river bank so we can put up markings and signs to make it clear where public access is and to keep people off private property.
- f. Township Property/recreation. Ford River Township owns a piece of property adjacent to the land up for auction owned by State of Michigan. The board feels we need to have a survey done to see where our lines are in hopes to develop this property for recreation in the future.

Motion, J. Church, support, D. Brown, to have both the River Cemetery and the K Road property surveyed. A Roll call vote was taken. R. Scott has abstained from voting.

Aye:

J. Church

D. Brown

A. Wagner

S. Nelson

Motion CARRIED.

g. Cemetery mower quote

Motion, A. Wagner, support R. Scott, CARRIED to purchase a new mower for South Cemetery in the amount of \$2,699.00 from Four Seasons.

h. Delta County Township Association.

Motion, A. Wagner, support J. Church, CARRIED to renew Delta County Township Association membership in the amount of \$308.10.

- i. Request is made by a citizen to lower speed limit on J.5 Road. Supervisor will look into the State Police doing a study to see if it is needed.

13. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT

D. Jahnke disagrees with the Road Commission billing on the blind signs. Feels it is wrong for us to have pay for fringe benefits, radio and 8.05% overhead costs.

M. Rose informs the board of an encounter with Beau LaFave ordering a dig for a land evaluation on State Land without a completed Miss Dig. He ordered the dig to stop until all utilities have been marked.

D. Brown would like to see a Township clean up day where the Township pay for residents to dispose of their "junk". She feels it would benefit the Township to do this instead of the cost involved in pursuing junk complaints. R. Scott suggests vouchers for the landfill. We will look into this and see how other communities handle this.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:51pm.

Debbie Brown 7-12-21