

FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2023 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, R. Valentine, A. Wagner and J. Church
Members absent: NONE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. AGENDA

Motion, B. Valentine, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to approve the agenda.

6. MINUTES

Motion, B. Valentine, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to approve the November 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes.

7. ATTORNEY BURKHART

Attorney Burkhardt was present and stated based on a conversation with the Supervisor, he suggests we go into closed session to discuss litigation Ford River vs Bateni the other is Bateni vs Ford River and a recently filed Civil rights complaint.

Motion, B. Valentine supported by J. Church, CARRIED to enter into closed session with Attorney Burkhardt to consider Ford River vs Bateni and Bateni vs Ford River.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: J. Church, A. Wagner, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson Nays: NONE

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to go back to public session with no action taken during closed session.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: J. Church, A. Wagner, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson Nays: NONE

8. CONSENT TO AGENDA

- a. Financial Reports November 2023.
- b. Assessors Report for November 2023.

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to approve the Consent to agenda items.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes November 1, 2023.

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Fire Reports/Calls November 2023
Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to approve the fire report for November 2023

- b. The Fire Chief gave updates.

11. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water system report-November 2023

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to accept the water report for November 2023.

- b. Water operator updates. Troy Rodman, Water Operator, gave updates.
- c. Billing Register.
- d. Water forgiveness/ Rupperecht

Motion A. Wagner, supported by D. Brown, CARRIED to forgive the water leak for Martin Rupperecht in the amount of \$266.70 because he had replaced the line.

- e. Ogren/campground water availability charges. TABLED

12. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

- a. The Zoning Administrator gave updates and the November 2023 Zoning report.
- b. Master plan update: No update.

13. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

- a. District #3 report/update

ABSENT

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. 911 signs: Waiting of final list from the County.
- b. Policy update. TABLED.
- c. Litigation updates:
 - i. Ford River Township vs Batini: multiple zoning violations. Court hearing Feb 23, 2024
 - ii Kaplan vs Ford River Township: FOIA violation. No update.
 - iii. Accusation of violating open meetings act. No update.
 - iiii. Bateni vs Ford River Township discrimination complaint

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Payment of bills
 - i. GF Total: \$ 17,566.10
 - ii. WF Total: \$ 3,654.07
 - iii. LF Total: \$ 158.10

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED, to pay the bills as presented.

- b. Appointments
 - i. (1) BOR Alternate, for term ending 12/31/2025
 - ii. (1) PC Member, for term ending 12/31/2026
 - iii. (1) ZBA Alternate, for term ending 12/31/2026
- TABLED. Clerk will run a new ad in the Daily Press due to lack of response.

c. Ford River Township Board Meeting Schedule resolution

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to adopt the Meeting schedule resolution with the correction of the meeting date October 14, 2024.

d. Zoning budget.

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to transfer \$7,500.00 from the contingency fund to Zoning bringing the contingency fund to a balance of \$19,048.50.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Myra Croasdell: Introduced herself and that she will be running against Mr. Baron in the recall election for District #3.

R. Fettig: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

17. BOARD COMMENT.

S. Nelson: Submitted final plans and bid specs for playground. Hannaville check has been received. Merry Christmas. So has par-plan grant money.

J. Church: Triangle electric is now in the Lions Club name.
Reminder Santa is coming to the Lions club on the 16th.

A. Wagner: Merry Christmas

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:32 pm
Minutes approved by:

Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

Date