

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 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

Supervisor added: 15h Security system

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

6. MINUTES

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to approve the October 9, 2023 and September 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes as amended.

7. CONSENT TO AGENDA

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

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

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes October 4, 2023.

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

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

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

- b. The Fire Chief gave updates. Last chance for Raffle tickets now on sale \$5.00 each, drawing in December.

10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water system report-October 2023

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to accept the water report for October 2023.

- b. Water operator updates. Troy Rodman, Water Operator, gave updates.
- c. Billing Register.

Motion, J. Church, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED to accept the proposal from Coleman Engineering in the amount of \$8,500.00.

A Roll call vote was taken.

AYES: J. Church, A. Wagner, D. Brown, R. Valentine, S. Nelson NAYS: None

12. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

- a. The Zoning Administrator gave updates and the October 2023 Zoning report.
- b. Master plan update: Draft received Planning Commission sent back for changes.

13. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

- a. District #3 report/update **ABSENT**

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. 911 signs: Supervisor Nelson gave updates. Address changes complete
- b. Policy updates. TABLED We will set a date for the workshop.
- c. Annual Audit. Campbell auditing will discuss this after next audit
- d. 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.
- e. Escanaba Electrical Ordinance.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED adopt Ordinance #111323-1 Electrical ordinance with the City of Escanaba.

A Roll call vote was taken:

AYES: A. Wagner, R. Valentine, J. Church, D. Brown, S. Nelson NAYS: NONE

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Payment of bills
 - i. GF Total: \$ 32,216.24
 - ii. WF Total: \$ 9,783.53
 - iii. LF Total: \$ 279.85

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

- b. St. Pauls Church/ Mr Perryman: St Paul's will be closing the end of January 2024. Mr. Perryman would like to give the Township a gift of a new Maintenance building for West Cemetery along with some altar decorations and a Jesus statue. He presented this because many of the families from this 124 year old congregation are buried at West. This would be a great way to honor them.
- c. Junk complaints:
 - i. Nichols– 21-009-114-012-00 , 1362 H Rd Bark River. Revenge junk
 - ii. Wills– 21-009-101-016-10, 2217 H Rd Bark River. After multiple attempts No response
 - iii. Tryan-21-009-064-013-00 Across from Breezy Point. Started to clean but reverted to Hauling things back in

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to allow the Supervisor to take the next steps on the three junk complaints.

- d. Trustee Workshop Synopsis - Board and Meetings
- e. Early voting contract from County.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to approve the contract from the County for early voting for 2024.

- f. Triangle power for Christmas Tree

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to turn the power on at the triangle with the understanding that the Lions Club will pay the bill.

A Roll call vote was taken:

AYES: A. Wagner, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson NAYES: NONE ABSTAIN: J. Church

- g. EGLE invoice. Water operator will call to verify.
- h. Security System. We received a \$5,000.00 grant from Hannaville for a security system. We will run an ad for bids.

Motion, D. Brown supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to return to Water system business.

Motion, A Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to purchase up to \$3,200.00 in materials including shipping that Troy needs to perform his duties.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT.

G. Kleikamp: asked about the COVID money report. Last month it was in the minutes they are available on-line. She stated that she has no internet at her house and it says you will print it for next month. Did you print that?

R. Fettig: Thanks the Veterans.

17. BOARD COMMENT.

A. Wagner provided copies of all COVID fund reports for Mrs. Kleikamp that were previously presented to the public at meetings.

D. Brown: stated these reports have been in the financial reports all along.

S. Nelson: Thanks the Veterans.

J. Church: Lions Club will hold a Kids Christmas party. All at no cost. Dec 16th.

R. Valentine: Good luck to hunters, everyone be safe out there.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:31 pm
Minutes approved by:

Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

Date