

FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 8, 2024 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

Clerk added 8 c.

Supervisor moved 14E Security System after 7a.

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

6. MINUTES

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve the December 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes.

7. ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Mr. Perryman gave update and provided information on building that will be donated

14 E. SECURITY SYSTEM

Three bids were received for a Security system for the hall and grounds.

Josh Blumensaadt from Endless Business Solutions was present and answered questions. TABLED until February meeting.

8. CONSENT TO AGENDA

- a. Financial Reports December 2023.
- b. Assessors Report for December 2023.
- c. Clerk's association meeting December 14, 2024

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

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Planning Commission 2023 Annual Report.

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

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

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve the fire report for December 2023

- b. The Fire Chief gave updates.

11. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water system report-December 2023

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

- b. Water operator updates. Troy Rodman was absent.
- c. Billing Register.
- d. Cummins Sales and Service

Motion A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve the three year maintenance agreement from Cummins sales and service in the amount of \$4,232.27.

- e. Ogren/campground water availability charges. TABLED Take off agenda. Mr. Ogren is not present again.

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: No update.
- b. Policy update. Workshop scheduled for January 16, 2024
- 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. Settlement requested: \$12,296.34. This is in the hands of the Insurance Co., the Township has no part in a decision.
 - iii. Accusation of violating open meetings act. No update.
 - iiii. Bateni vs Ford River Township discrimination complaint
- d. Appointments
 - i. BOR Alternate. Term ending 12/31/2024

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by D. Brown, CARRIED to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Andrew DeGrand to the Board of Review.

- ii. Planning Commission. Term ending 12/31/2026

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Ray Fettig to the Planning Commission.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

- iii. Zoning Board of Appeals. term ending 12/31/2026 TABLED

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by D. Brown, CARRIED to table until February 2024.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Payment of bills
 - i. GF Total: \$ 19,224.48
 - ii. WF Total: \$ 3,603.74
 - iii. LF Total: \$ 20.99

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

- b. CUPPAD
 - i. Annual membership

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to renew the annual CUPPAD Membership in the amount of \$405.00.

- ii. Invoice

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to pay the CUPPAD invoice for \$9187.50 ONLY if it is in the contract.

- c. Bark River PTO request for a donation. No motion made, No action taken.
- d. Budget workshop date set for January 31, 2024.
- e. Cemetery budget.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to transfer \$420.00 from the contingency fund to the Cemetery fund bringing the contingency fund to a balance of \$18,628.50.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT.
NONE

17. BOARD COMMENT.

D. Brown. Early voting Begins February 18th, 2024 at the Wells Township Hall
S. Nelson Thanks K. Jaeger for her time on the Planning Commission
 Welcome Ray Fettig and Andy DeGrand
J. Church thanks K. Jaeger.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

Date