

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 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

5. AGENDA

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

6. MINUTES

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to approve the February 12, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes.

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve the February 21, 2024 Special Meeting minutes.

7. ATTORNEY BURKHART

Mr. Burkhardt was present.

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by D. Brown, CARRIED to go into closed session with Attorney Burkhardt to consider specific pending litigation Ford River vs Bateni and civil rights complaint. Roll call: AYES: A. Wagner, J. Church, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson NAYS: None ABSENT: None

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to go back into public session with no action taken during closed session. Roll call: AYES: A. Wagner, J. Church, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson NAYS: None ABSENT: None

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to appoint S. Nelson and D. Brown as mediators on Monday, March 18th the Bateni mediation.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by D. Brown, CARRIED to set an Emergency meeting on March 19th, for a special meeting to discuss the results of that mediation.

RECESS FOR BUDGET HEARING

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to recess for the Budget hearing. Roll call: AYES: A. Wagner, J. Church, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson NAYS: None ABSENT: None

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED to close the public hearing. Roll call: AYES: A. Wagner, J. Church, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson NAYS: None ABSENT: None

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

8. CONSENT TO AGENDA

- a. Financial Report for February 2024
- b. Assessor Report February 2024

- c. Fire Report February 2024
- d. Water Systems report February 2024
- e. Payment of bills February 2024

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

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes January 17, 2024
- b. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes February 2024
- c. Zoning Administrator report February 2024
- d. Delta County Clerks Association meeting minutes February 8, 2024

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Fire Reports/Calls January 2024
Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.
- b. The Fire Chief gave updates.
Fire Chief Nelson reminds everyone it is very very dry which is very unusual for this time of year.

Motion, W. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED, to accept the results of the Fire Department Election.

11. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water operator updates. Troy Rodman gave updates.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to accept the bid from Earl Inc, dba St. Germain Sandblasting in the amount of \$107,625.00.

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

- b. Billing Register. All normal. Still working through the issues with the Clerk.

12. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

- a. The Zoning Administrator gave updates
- b. Master plan update: ¾ way mark with Graef. Next step is an open house.

13. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

- a. District #3 report/update
ABSENT

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. 911 signs: Issues with the mapping system.
- b. Policy update: TABLED
- c. Litigation updates:
 - i. Ford River Township vs Batini: multiple zoning violations. Deposition
 - ii. Accusation of violating open meetings act. No update.
 - iii. Bateni vs Ford River Township discrimination complaint
- d. Appointments
Zoning Board of Appeals. term ending 12/31/2026 TABLED

- e. Security system bids.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED, to accept the bid from Endless Solutions in the amount of \$14,430.00 including 6 cameras. Roll call: AYES: A. Wagner, J. Church, D. Brown, S. Nelson NAYS: R. Valentine ABSENT: None

- f. Water heater. TABLED
- g. Website.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to go with CiviClarity for website services as presented.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Clean up days.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve Clean up days, from May 13th-24th, 25.00 vouchers, up to 120 vouchers.

- b. UPPCO will host appliance pick up on October 5th, 2024. More details to follow
- c. Miss Dig

Motion, J. Church, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED, to renew Miss Dig annual invoice membership for \$978.62

- d. Par plan Election
- e. Highline/Spectrum

Motion, D. Brown, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED, to switch our internet and landline from Spectrum, to Highline. The cell phones will be switched to Verizon for \$25.00 per month.

- f. General Appropriations Act/2024-2025 Budget

Motion, J. Church, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED, to approve the General Appropriations Act for Ford River Township. Roll call: AYES: A. Wagner, J. Church, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson NAYS: None ABSENT: None

16. PUBLIC COMMENT.

R. Fettig: Happy Easter
G. LaFave addressed the Board with concerns on the surveillance system.

17. BOARD COMMENT.

18. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to adjourn at 9:46 pm
Minutes approved by:

Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

Date