

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
JULY 3, 2024 FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

Called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor, S. Nelson, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Members present: S. Nelson, D. Brown, J. Church and A. Wagner  
Members absent: R. Valentine

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

NONE

**5. AGENDA**

Motion, J. Church, supported by a. Wagner, CARRIED to approve the agenda.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discuss and gather information concerning Fire Department funds.

Fire Chief Brian Nelson requested a closed session.  
Short discussion took place.

Motion, J. Church, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED to deny the request to go into closed session.

A roll call was taken:

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

ABSENT: R. Valentine

Fire Chief informed the Board that there is money missing from the Fund raising account held by the Fire Department.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to table until the July 8, 2024 meeting.

Motion, J. Church, supported by D. Brown to table until July 8, 2024.

**15. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Joe Kaplan

Christine Williams

Russ Nelson

All expressed support for our Fire Department.

**16. BOARD COMMENT.**

D. Brown: This is an emotional time for all of us, and we need to stick together and not point fingers.

B. Nelson wants to be clear, he takes full responsibility, this is a Fire Department issue and that our Township Board, Treasurer and Clerk had absolutely no responsibility in it.

J. Church expressed her respect for Chief Nelson and his family.

S. Nelson appreciates R. Nelson's generous offer to help the fire department.

**17. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion, A. Wager, supported by J. Church CARRIED to adjourn at 7:07 pm

Minutes approved by:

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Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

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Date