

FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MAY 13, 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, and J. Church
Members absent: A. Wagner via zoom from Bark River MI

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

G. Kleikamp would like to speak to 13f

5. AGENDA

Supervisor Nelson added 8f Campbell audit
Supervisor Nelson moved 13f to after 6b.

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 April 8, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes.

Motion, S. Nelson, supported by D. Brown, CARRIED to approve the April 17, 2024 Election Commission Meeting minutes.

13. f

Junk updates and Dr. Knope

Doctor Knope spoke on the ongoing issues concerning blight and nuisance concerning his neighborhood.

Supervisor Nelson updated the Board and public of the progress made with numerous properties.

J. Church asked about a possibility of an injunction to get this stopped until it gets settled. R. Valentine asked about the possibility of a Fire Inspection taking place.

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by D. Brown, CARRIED to refer all issues to our Attorney concerning the junk, nuisance, zoning violations, and the possibility of a temporary injunction and fire marshall inspection of property.

G. Kleikamp spoke on junk in the Township.

7. CONSENT TO AGENDA

- a. Financial Report
- b. Assessor Report
- c. Fire Report
- d. Water Systems report
- e. Water billing register
- f. Payment of bills

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

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Planning Commission meeting minutes April 10, 2024
- b. Planning Commission special meeting minutes April 23, 2024
- c. Zoning Administrators report March 2024
- d. Zoning Administrator report April 2024
- e. Delta County Clerks association minutes
- f. Campbell Audit on July 24, 2024 at 8am

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Fire updates The Fire Chief gave updates.

10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water operator updates. Troy Rodman gave updates.
EGLE grant for \$160,510.00 was approved for water dept. to explore for lead in water service lines.

11. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

- a. Master plan update: Final draft received by Planning Commission

12. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

- a. District #3 report/update
Myra Croasdell introduced herself and informed the Board that she will be at our meetings every other month but we can contact her with questions anytime.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. 911 signs: Issues with the mapping system could be years.

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to go ahead with getting bids on signs and posts without address changes.

- b. Policy update: worked on #4. TABLED
- c. Litigation updates:
 - i. Ford River Township vs Batini: Court date in June
 - ii. Accusation of violating open meetings act. No update.
 - iii. Bateni vs Ford River Township discrimination complaint
- d. Playground updates. Supervisor Nelson gave updates, bids were over budget. Need to work on getting bids lower.
- e. Website update. Progress is being made, there is a meeting scheduled for next week with J. Church and Julie.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Proposals for removing tree at the South Cemetery

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by D. Brown CARRIED to accept the bid from Dombrowski Tree Service in the amount of \$950.00

- b. Penozza Pest Control

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to pay Penozza Pest Control for spray. in the amount of \$355.00

- c. AT&T vs Verizon. Supervisor Nelson went with AT&T for cell phone service.
- d. Septic for Fire hall and Pavilion. Supervisor Nelson will contact the Health Dept.
- e. Addition to the fire hall. Need Engineer for project specs.
- f. MSU training for Board of Appeals

Motion, D. Brown, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to spend up to \$625.00 for training for the Board of appeals.

- g. DNR dredging the boat launch.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Pastor Jay Gilchrist: Concerns about alleged photos.

Joe Kaplan: shared concerns regarding Ford River Township litigation

16. BOARD COMMENT.

A. Wagner addressed concerns about alleged photos.

17. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:52 pm

Minutes approved by:

Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

Date