

FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 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, J. Church and A. Wagner, R. Valentine
Members absent: NONE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

5. AGENDA

Supervisor Nelson added 14f/ Election Grant Institute for Responsive Government.
R Valentine would like to separate 7A from Consent to agenda for discussion.

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

6. MINUTES

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine , CARRIED to accept the Township Board Regular Meeting minutes for August 12, 2024

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, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to approve the Consent to agenda items omitting item 'a' Financial Report for further discussion.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Planning Commission meeting minutes July 3, 2024
- b. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes August 7, 2024
- c. Delta County Clerks Association meeting minutes July 22, 2024
- d. Zoning Administrators report
- e. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Financial Statements

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Fire updates The Fire Chief gave updates.
Pancake Breakfast October 27, 2024
(7a) Trustee R. Valentine discussed the funds for the Fire Department and was brought up to date with the Township temporarily taking over the fund raising money until the Fire Dept makes a decision concerning forming a legal volunteer organization.
Long discussion on Cadet program, background search, MIOSHA, and other concerns. Probably should send it to the Township lawyer for opinion TABLED.
Treasurer Wagner will have a monthly report on Fire Department funds going forward. Trustee Valentine thanks her for being pro-active. That is the reason he

wanted this out of Consent to Agenda. Fire Chief and Treasurer will work out a plan to track this income.

10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water operator updates.
- b. New customer request/Ham

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by A. Wagner, CARRIED to accept the application by Ham to join our water system.

11. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

- a. Zoning update
- b. Master plan update:

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to set a Special Meeting on October 8, 2024 for the purpose of reviewing the Master plan.

12. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

- a. Myra was present and updated the public on County business and local concern.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. 911 signs: Signs are ordered. Ford River Township is looking for individuals interested in installing.
- b. Policy update: TABLED
- c. Litigation updates:
 - i. Ford River Township vs Batini: Court date September 20th.
 - ii. Accusation of violating open meetings act. No update.
 - iii. Bateni vs Ford River Township discrimination complaint
- d. Playground updates. Supervisor Nelson gave updates.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to pay the CUPPAD invoice in the amount of \$9187.50

- e. Township maintenance position TABLED

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Par plan resolution:

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to adopt resolution #9-9-2024-2, a Resolution of support, Michigan Township Participating Plan Grant Application for \$5000.00 as read.

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

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to adopt resolution #9-9-2024-3, a Resolution of support, Michigan Township Participating Plan Grant Application for \$1500.00 as read.

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

- b. Tryan junk complaint. The supervisor has the authority to proceed.
- c. Discussion on private contractors for snow plowing and lawn care.

Motion, D. Brown, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to run an ad for snow plowing for Township grounds and Water tower.

- d. Future rental of pavilion and hall/par-plan. In the future, we will not rent out the pavilion or hall without the correct insurance certificate as stated in the ordinance.
- e. New fees policy/resolution

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church, CARRIED to adopt Resolution #9-9-2024-1 a Resolution to establish Township fees.

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

- f. The Clerk was approved for a \$6,000.00 grant from the Institute for Responsive Government to be spent on Elections for improvement.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Christine Williams: Provided information on MIOSHA.
Provided information on CEDARS
Asked about an official ballot box

16. BOARD COMMENT.

D. Brown. The current drop box is adequate for Election ballots.

S. Nelson. Gave information on Roads and the Road commissions policy for tree removal.

A. Wagner: We have no obligation to contribute to Roads.

D. Brown: The trees in question have been removed.

J. Church: Gave updates for Lions Club

Fire Chief Nelson: fire prevention week is October 6-12th and this years campaign is “smoke alarms, make them work for you” So be sure to check your smoke alarms.

17. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to Adjourn.

Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

Date