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**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 8, 2022 FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by, D. Brown, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Members present: S. D. Brown, A Wagner, J. Church,

Members absent: S. Nelson (via zoom from Bark River, Delta County, Michigan)

R. Scott (via zoom from River Falls, Pierce County, Wisconsin)

a. Election of Moderator

Motion, D. Brown, support, A. Wagner CARRIED to elect J. Church the Moderator of this meeting because of the absence of Supervisor Nelson.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Joe Kaplan explained that he thinks he should have access to information provided by Attorney Bergman. His FOIA request was denied and he would like to have it on record that there is no fishing or recreation. He believes this document could provide that information.

**5. AGENDA**

Motion, A. Wagner, support, D. Brown, CARRIED to approve the agenda.

**6. MINUTES**

Received Minutes:

Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes -July 11, 2022

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2022.

Election Commission Meeting Minutes-July 11, 2022

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to accept the Election Commission Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2022.

**7. REPORTS**

The following reports were acknowledged:

- a. Financial Reports. The Treasurer and Clerk were in balance with the bank.
- b. Assessors Report for July 2022.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Ford River Planning Commission Meeting Minutes July 6, 2022
- b. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes June 8, 2022

**9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

- a. Fire Reports/Calls July 2022  
Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.
- b. Fire Chief Updates

Motion, A. Wagner, support, D. Brown, CARRIED, to acknowledge the fire report.

**c. Michigan Mutual Aid box alarm system Association Agreement**

Motion, A. Wagner, support, D. Brown, CARRIED to accept the Michigan Mutual Aid box alarm system Association Agreement.

Motion, D. Brown, support, A. Wagner CARRIED to approve a new Fire Department member, Matt Adams.

**10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

- a. Water system report July 2022  
Water Operator Mike Smith was present and gave updates.
- b. Water upgrades. Tabled.
- c. Billing Register July 2022.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, D. Brown, CARRIED, to acknowledge the Water Report

**11. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS**

- a. Zoning Administrator gave updates and the July Zoning report.

**12. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS**

- a. District #3/report/update  
Teresa Nelson was not present.

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Audit. The State of Michigan is handling Mr. Dewar
- b. Marijuana. Tabled
- c. Lions Club. Ford River Township cannot aid in cost of putting water in.
- d. Board of Appeals/ Alternate member. Tabled.
- e. Cemetery/Russ. Tabled

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Payment of bills:
  - i. GF Total: \$ 34,918.82
  - ii. WF Total: \$ 2314.09
  - iii. LF Total: \$ 189.38

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED to pay the bills as presented.

- b. Aspire Network

Motion, A. Wagner, support, D. Brown, CARRIED to accept the Application for access to and ongoing use of public ways by telecommunications providers as presented by Aspire Network 1, LLC

- c. Kaplan Appeal: Moderator J. Church read the following:

**Kaplan FOIA appeal**

Under the FOIA, the Township is obliged to respond within ten (10) business days. However, that ten (10) business day period does not commence until the next regularly

scheduled Board meeting on August 8, 2022. MCL 15.240(2). As a result, the response will be due on August 19, 2022.

The Board will assume that your appeal identifies the reasons or reasons for the Appeal and within ten (10) business days it will do 1. of the following:

- (1) reverse the disclosure denial;
- (2) issue a written notice to you upholding the disclosure denial; or
- (3) reverse the disclosure denial in part and issue a written notice to you upholding the disclosure denial in part.

The response is due not from the Board but from the "head of the Public Body". MCL 15.240(2).

The Township Supervisor will respond to your request in a timely fashion.

**d. Planning Commission Training**

Motion, A. Wagner, support D. Brown to spend up to \$1500.00 for training for up to seven people to get training.

**14. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT.**

**Mike England:** has an uncle buried in the River Cemetery and would like to know how he could get in there to visit the Cemetery.

**D. Brown:** Supervisor will have an update on Junk complaints next meeting.

**M. Smith:** We are not required to have a fence at the water tower.

**M. Smith:** Is considering a job offer in Presque Isle Maine, he just wants us to know he is going there to check it out next week.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, D. Brown, CARRIED to adjourn at 7:49pm

*A. Wagner*

*9-12-20*