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**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2022 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, R. Scott
Members absent: A Wagner

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

J. Kaplan would like clarification on September minutes on New business 14e

5. AGENDA

Motion, J. Church, support, D. Brown, CARRIED to approve the agenda.

6. MINUTES

Motion, D. Brown, Support J. Church, CARRIED to amend the Sept 2022 minutes under item 14E new business to include the Township has no plan in place to act in any way on the River Cemetery subject and is dropping this from further discussion. If the property owner involved or the Township wishes to reopen the subject at a later time it will be revisited.

Motion, J. Church, support, R. Scott, CARRIED, to approve the September minutes as amended next month.

7. REPORTS

The following reports were acknowledged:

- a. Financial Reports September 2022.

The Treasurer and Clerk were in balance with the bank.

Motion, J. Church, support R. Scott, CARRIED to approve the financial reports.

- b. Assessors Report for September 2022.

Motion, R. Scott, support J. Church, CARRIED to approve the Assessors report as presented.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Ford River Planning Commission Meeting Minutes September August 3, 2022.
- b. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes, July 26, 2022.

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

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

Need someone to look at the chimney in the fire hall.

Chief Nelson will call to find someone to look at it.

Garage door still is not sealing correctly. Chief Nelson will get someone to see what the problem is and get an estimate.

Raffle tickets for sale

Pancake breakfast was a huge success.

Motion, D. Brown, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to approve the fire report.

10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water system report- September 2022
Relief Water Operator Curtis Labadie was present and gave updates.

Motion, J. Church, support R. Scott, CARRIED to approve the water report for September 2022.

- b. Billing Register September 2022.
- c. Water operator resignation. Interviews were conducted.

Motion, R. Scott, support, J. Church, CARRIED to hire Troy Rodman as the Ford River Township water operator.

11. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

- a. The Zoning Administrator gave updates and the September Zoning report.
Master plan two bids were received.

Motion, J. Church, support R. Scott, CARRIED to hire GRAEF to update The Ford River Township Master Plan for \$27,000.00. Additional services estimate of \$3,000.00 for a total of \$30,000.00

Roll call vote:

Aye:
J. Church
S. Scott
D. Brown
S. Nelson

Nay: NONE

Absent: A. Wagner

- b. Need to consider a fee for Short term rentals renewals. TABLED.

Motion, R. Scott, support, J. Church, CARRIED to table this subject until November.

12. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

NONE

Supervisor Nelson: 911 signs are going slow. They have run into issues which makes the process longer. Ford River Township is next.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Old Audit. Still waiting on the Auditor. State is handling it with Mr. Dewar.
- b. Marijuana. Zoning Administrator C. Detiege went through a proposed ordinance from the Planning Commission. The board feels they should proceed as presented.
- c. Board of Appeals/ Alternate Member. Supervisor recommends Julie Hoffmeyer for an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion, D. Brown, support J. Church, CARRIED to approve Supervisor Nelson's recommendation for Julie Hoffmeyer to be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate member.

- d. Cemetery Russ-Tabled

e. Old inventory. Sold some of the old inventory, some left, hopefully will have this completed by November meeting. Refrigerator might be picked up by UPPCO.

f. Emergency Generator Grant Application Resolution

Motion, J. Church support, R. Scott, CARRIED to adopt Resolution #2022-10-10 Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant Funding Application for Ford River Emergency Standby Generator.

Roll call vote:

Aye:
J. Church
S. Scott
D. Brown
S. Nelson

Nay: NONE

Absent: A. Wagner

g. Trustee applications.

The Township will contact the Attorney to be sure of no conflict between Bob Valentine and First Bank.

Motion, J. Church, R. Scott, support, CARRIED to appoint Bob Valentine as Township Board Trustee provided the attorney agrees there is no conflict with First Bank.

Roll call vote:

Aye:
J. Church
S. Scott
D. Brown
S. Nelson

Nay: NONE

Absent: A. Wagner

h. Credit cards. J. Church has a draft motion ready for next month.

i. Spectrum. Trustee J. Church looked into our contract with Spectrum. There is nothing stated in writing on the Township getting a refund for others that join the line.

14. NEW BUSINESS

a. Payment of bills:

- i. GF Total: \$ 70,888.57
- ii. WF Total: \$ 4,548.45
- iii. LF Total: \$ 158.10

b. Bike path committee. Supervisor Nelson has about 6 people interested in forming a committee for the bike path. He will schedule a meeting.

c. Hall floor. Supervisor Nelson will get bids to have the floor refinished in the hall.

Motion, J. Church, support, D. Brown, CARRIED for the Supervisor to seek bids on the floor.

d. T. Mobile: Zoning Administrator informs the Board that T Mobile wants to put a building by cell tower at Houles. It is covered under the original intent and approval for Verizon. T. Mobile is putting up antennas on the tower.

Motion, D. Brown, support J. Church, CARRIED to have the Zoning Administrator to go forward with this as long as it meets all the criteria that we have in place.

15. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT.

G. Kleikamp: Can get the name and contact information for a floor guy.

D. LaCrosse: 1072 Hwy M35. Bark River. (directed at Supervisor) "Regarding a conflict of interest, it has been brought to my attention that Charles is actually your son-in-law and I'm wondering if that is considered a conflict of interest and then Debbi Brown and Amanda Wagner are mother and daughter also from what I understand."

S. Nelson would like this on the November agenda.

B. Nelson: applied for the Hannahville 2% grant for emergency generator and another for more radios.

R. Scott: urges us to look into strengthening our Solar ordinance.

R. Fettig suggested we look at the Master plan for the County.

J. Kaplan: backs up what R. Scott said concerning solar.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion, J. Church, support R. Scott, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:24.

Steve Beam 11-14-22

FORD RIVER ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by D. Brown at 6:55pm

ROLL CALL

Members present: Steve Nelson
Debbi Brown
Members Absent: Amanda Wagner

1. NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Election Inspectors for the November 8, 2022 General Election

- A. Colleen Coppock (D) Chairperson
- B. Jayne Church (D)
- C. Monica Hightower (D)
- D. Deanna Zeits (R)
- E. Walter Sheedlo (R)
- F. Steven Garner (R)
- G. Dennis Jahnke (R)
- H. Julie Hoffmeyer (R)

2. ELECTION TRAINING

The County Clerk will be conducting training for the Chairperson, Clerk and Deputy Clerk on October 18th at Bark River Township.

Motion, S. Nelson, Support D. Brown, CARRIED to approve the Election Inspectors for the November 8, 2022 General Election.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion, S. Nelson, support, D. Brown CARRIED to adjourn at 6:58pm.

Steve Brown, Clerk
11-14-22