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AMENDED
FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 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, A Wagner, J. Church, R. Scott
Members absent: NONE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

5. AGENDA

Motion, A. Wagner, support, R. Scott, CARRIED to approve the agenda.

6. MINUTES

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to accept the Township Board Regular meeting minutes for August 8, 2022.

7. REPORTS

The following reports were acknowledged:

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

8. COMMUNICATIONS

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

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Fire Reports/Calls August 2022
Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.
- b. Fire Chief Updates
Raffle tickets for sale
Pancake breakfast will be on October 9th at the Highland.
- c. New Member Doni Graham.

Motion, A Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to approve the fire report.

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10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water system report- August 2022

Motion, A Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to approve the water system report.

- b. Water Operator Mike Smith was present and gave updates.
Hydrants will be flushed at the end of the month.
- c. Billing Register August 2022.

- d. Plouff. Mr. Plouff was not aware he is a water customer, he lives in Texas and a past tenant had the water hooked up.

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, R. Scott, CARRIED to forgive the past bill and treat Mr. Plouff like a new customer.

- e. Water operator resignation.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, D. Brown to accept Mike Smith's resignation.

11. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

- a. The Zoning Administrator gave updates and the August Zoning report.

12. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

T. Nelson gave updates on:

- Fuller Park
- 911 signs
- Sale of old jail and Chamber Property.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Old Audit. State is involved and trying to contact the auditor.
- b. Marijuana. Lawyer has given paperwork to Zoning for approval.
- c. Board of Appeals/ Alternate member. Supervisor will run another ad.
- d. Cemetery/Russ Tabled.
- e. *Slide update. Slide will not be available until December.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Payment of bills:
 - i. GF Total: \$ 43,369.47
 - ii. WF Total: \$ 7568.51
 - iii. LF Total: \$ 158.10

Motion, R. Scott, support, J. Church, CARRIED to pay the bills as presented.

- b. Credit cards. Tabled.
- c. Phone/internet. Tabled.
- d. Daily press Letter to the Editor. A letter was sent to The Daily Press Editor, signed by Ford River Township. The press omitted the person's name, and only printed where she was from which made it appear that the Township was endorsing a candidate for County Commission. Clerk, D. Brown contacted the editor who indicated it was a mistake and they would re-run the letter with the person's name. When clerk asked for an email explaining what happened, he only replied with "Buy the Paper". The clerk then contacted the publisher who also refused an explanation in writing but did eventually send a copy of the correction that went in the Daily Press.
- e. Attorney invoices. Supervisor Nelson explained that our attorney bills have been very high and that is the reason we have decided not to act on Cemetery at this time. **THE TOWNSHIP HAS NO PLAN IN PLACE TO "ACT" IN ANY WAY ON THE CEMETERY SUBJECT AND IS DROPPING THIS FROM FURTHER DISCUSSION.** We will be keeping an eye on the invoices to see how it goes. **IF THE PROPERTY OWNER INVOLVED OR THE TOWNSHIP WISHES TO REOPEN THE SUBJECT AT A LATER TIME IT WILL BE REVISITED.**

f. Charter Township Resolution.

Motion, R. Scott, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to approve Resolution # 09122022 to oppose Incorporation as a Charter Township.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:	Nays:
A. Wagner	NONE
J. Church	
R. Scott	
D. Brown	
S. Nelson	

g. New Audit. The Clerk and Treasurer are uncomfortable about records leaving the building. Past Auditors have always come to the Hall to collect information and make copies as needed. Tabled.

h. Trustee resignation.

Motion, A Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED, to accept the resignation of R. Scott effective December 31, 2022.

i. *Old Inventory. J. Church will handle the task of disposing of old inventory.

j. *Emergency Generator.

Motion, R. Scott, support, A. Wagner to approve the Supervisor to proceed with bids and grant applications for an Emergency Generator.

15. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT.

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ADJOURNMENT

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Debra Brown, Clerk 10-10-23

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Nays:

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