

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 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, R. Scott.
Members absent: J. Church Members present on Zoom: A. Wagner from Brown County, WI

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

5. AGENDA

Motion,R. Scott, support, D. Brown, CARRIED to approve the agenda.

6. MINUTES

Motion, R. Scott, support, S. Nelson, CARRIED to approve the September 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes as amended, approve the October 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, and approve the October 10, 2022 Election Commission Meeting Minutes.

7. CONSENT TO AGENDA

- a. Financial Reports September 2022.
- b. Assessors Report for September 2022.

Motion, R. Scott, support, S. Nelson, CARRIED to approve the Consent to agenda items.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Ford River Planning Commission Meeting Minutes September August 3, 2022.
- b. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes, July 26, 2022.
- c. Hannahville 2% grant was not approved at this time
- d. Recycling. UPPCO would like to set up a spot at Hall to pick up old appliances.

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Fire Reports/Calls October 2022
Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.
- b. Fire Chief Updates. Received grant approval from Hannahville

Motion, R. Scott, support, D. Brown, CARRIED, to approve the fire report.

10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water system report- October 2022
Water Operator Troy Rodman was present and gave updates.

Motion, D. Brown, support, R. Scott, CARRIED to accept the water report for October 2022.

- b. Billing Register October 2022.

Motion, R. Scott, support, S. Nelson, CARRIED to accept the billing register for October 2022.

11. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

- a. The Zoning Administrator gave updates and the October 2022 Zoning report.

Motion, D. Brown, support, R. Scott, CARRIED to accept the Zoning report for October 2022.

- b. Special use permit renewals/fees for Short term rentals. / TABLED

12. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

- a. T. Nelson thanks Fire Dept and others for street sign input/ours are done now.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Old Audit. Bruce is off with health issues. The Treasury is working with SL&H.
- b. Marijuana. Waiting on Lawyer.
- c. Cemetery/Russ Take off Agenda.
- d. Old Inventory TABLED
- e. Bike Path/Committee. Had one meeting, ready to schedule another.
- f. Hall floors/bids

Motion, R. Scott, support, D. Brown, CARRIED to hire Albert Flooring for \$5000.00 to refinish hall floors.

- g. Attorney opinion on Trustee. There is no conflict with new Trustee B. Valentine and First-Bank or Paul Dagenais as long as he does not vote on any issues that involve Paul personally or the Bank.

- h. Credit cards TABLED

- i. New Audit. Can't do anything until the old Audit is finished.

- j. Generator. S. Nelson presented an estimate for \$19,203.62 plus annual \$650.00.

Supervisor has applied for a Michigan Par Plan grant. TABLED

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Payment of bills

i.	GF Total:	\$ 18,908.61
ii.	WF Total:	\$ 3,412.95
iii.	LF Total:	\$ 158.10

- b. Conflicts Supervisor states: to be a conflict you have to actually have to personally be in a position to profit by your decision. D. Brown states the actual comment was made against S. Nelson and C. Detiege being his son in law and A. Wagner and D. Brown being mother and daughter. A. Wagner speaks on this subject as it relates to Clerk and Treasurer. She gave background on the township having seven clerks in six years, that due diligence was done prior to hiring D. Brown for this very reason. Explained the transparency in process that exists today and that all measures have been vetted and audited to ensure the township is protected regardless of who is ever Clerk and Treasurer. Invited the public to reach out to see any of said processes at any time.

S. Nelson makes the point that it is not considered a conflict under michigan law, it is considered nepotism.

He has never voted on any topics including his son in laws hiring or salary.

- c. DTE agreement TABLED
- d. Request for Child with Autism signs. Supervisor will get estimates.
- e. Terms expiring. Supervisor will run an ad for next month.

15. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT.

D. Jahnke thanks T. Nelson

R. Fettig thanks T. Nelson Happy Thanksgiving

C. Detiege new master plan has been started.

D. Brown thanks Election workers and T. Nelson

R. Scott Thanks people of Ford River Township and the Board for the experience and he really really enjoyed it.

Multiple people thank Randy

Supervisor Nelson Thanks Randy. A great asset to this Board. He will be missed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion, R. Scott, support, D. Brown, CARRIED to adjourn at 7:58pm .

Ann Brown 12-12-23