

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2025 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

Trustee Church added 15c litigation to the agenda.

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

6. GUEST SPEAKER

NONE

7. MINUTES

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by A. Wagner CARRIED to approve the Township Board meeting minutes for January 20, 2025

8. CONSENT TO AGENDA

- a. Assessor report
- b. Fire report
- c. Water Systems report
- d. Water billing register
- e. Payment of bills
- f. Financial reports

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to approve the Consent to Agenda items.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes Jan. 8, 2025 have not been received.
- b. Zoning Administrators report

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Fire updates The Fire Chief gave updates.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to accept Matt Rian to the fire department.

Motion, J. Church, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to spend up to \$10,700.00 for the trailer project. \$3,500.00 to be used from the Casino grant and the remainder of \$7,200.00 from the fundraising account.

11. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS

- a. Water operator updates
The water operator was present and gave updates.

12. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

- a. Zoning update. The Zoning Administrator was present and gave updates.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to pay for up to 6 people to attend Citizen Planner training for \$750.00.

13. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS

Christine Williams was present and gave county updates.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Policy update: TABLED
- b. Playground updates.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to accept the bid from UP Concrete for \$55,890.00 for the playground project under the terms of the grant.
Roll call: AYES: Church

- c. Junk update: Supervisor Nelson gave updates. Our attorney is working on paperwork to send to the court on the Tryan case. We will wait for the Court's decision to try to get the go ahead to clean up the property. Dr. Knope went back to court because Mr. Tryan violated the injunction granted by the court.
- d. Website Training for supervisor and Deputy Clerk will take place Feb. 24th.
- e. 911 sign update. Maps were received from CUPPAD.
- f. Zoning Administrator/zoom

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by A. Wagner CARRIED to approve the Supervisors recommendation to hire Brett Jenshak for Zoning Administrator.

Motion, D. Brown, supported by A. Wagner CARRIED to approve training pay for the new zoning administrator at an hourly rate of \$20.00 for a maximum of 20 hours.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Keyholder policy. This will be covered in the pending policy manual.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by D. Brown CARRIED to allow Trustees to hold keys to the Township hall and offices.

- b. U.P.S.E.T. no action taken.
- c. Litigation. Pending legal matters will be put on Agenda permanently.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT.


C. Williams: gave information on U.P.S.E.T. and Veteran affairs.

17. BOARD COMMENT.

J. Church, A. Wagner, R. Valentine, S. Nelson and D. Brown thanked Charles for his service.

17. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to Adjourn at 8:19pm.


Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

2-18-25
Date