

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 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**

Supervisor added 14g-address signs and 15c BOR training

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

**6. GUEST SPEAKER**

Paul Geyer provided information on the emergency warming center.

**7. MINUTES**

Motion, R. Valentine, supported by J. Church CARRIED to approve the Township Board meeting minutes for December 9, 2024

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

**9. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes December 4, 2024 (minutes are actually dated December 2, 2025)
- b. Planning Commission annual report 2024
- c. Zoning Administrators report
- d. Ford River Fire Department annual report 2024.

**10. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

- a. Fire updates The Fire Chief gave updates.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by J. Church CARRIED to spend up to \$430.00 for wigwag lights.

Motion, J. Church, supported by A. Wagner CARRIED to spend up to \$1,600.00 for windshield cutter and drill kit.

Motion J. Church, supported by R. Valentine, CARRIED to seek bids on the trailer/pump project.

#### **11. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

- a. Water operator updates

The water operator was present and gave updates.

Motion, D. Brown, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to pay Aqualine Leak Detection in the amount of \$2,715.00 to be scheduled with the City of Gladstone.

#### **12. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS**

- a. Zoning update

The Planning Commission has instructed the Zoning Administrator not to respond to the City of Escanaba's letter concerning the Master Plan.

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to accept the resignation of Charles Detiege, Zoning Administrator.

#### **13. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS**

Christine Williams was present and gave updates.

#### **14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Policy update: TABLED
- b. Playground updates. TABLED.
- c. Junk update: Supervisor Nelson gave updates. Mr Tryan is still not in compliance with the Zoning or Junk violations.
- d. Audit. Off agenda
- e. Planning Commission's response to the City of Escanaba. Off agenda.
- f. Website Training. Supervisor and Deputy Clerk will do training for the website.
- g. Address signs

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to pay CUPPAD for a map to properly install address signs.

#### **15. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Dickinson County Prosecuting Attorney. Supervisor Nelson gave updates on the check fraud case.
- b. Budget Workshop. Special meeting dates are 2/18/2025 and 3/4/2025. at 6:30pm to discuss and finalize the 2025-26 budget.
- c. BOR training

#### **15. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

R.Nelson: Concerns about the fire department and Township Board.

R. Fettig: Some of the minutes don't match on the website. Concerns on address signs

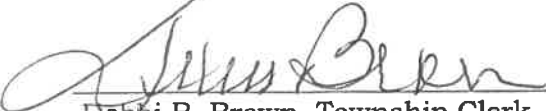
C. Williams: Escanaba Township will be hosting citizen planner training for all planning commissioners.

**16. BOARD COMMENT.**

Supervisor addressed concerns on address signs.

**17. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion, A. Wagner, supported by R. Valentine CARRIED to Adjourn at 9:17pm.

  
Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

2-12-25  
Date