



Forest Township

Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

**Wednesday April 1, 2020
7:00 PM
Monthly Township Meeting minutes**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Gernandt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Ron Gernandt, Charlie Peters, William Malecha, Elaine Trnka, Ashley Anderson

2. OPEN MEETING TELECONFERENCING

Ashley presented a motion to establish the township's ability to conduct open meetings by telephone.

Charlie made a motion to establish Forest Township's ability to conduct open meeting by telephone. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 4, 2020.

Ashley read the minutes from the March 4 meeting.

Bill made a motion to approve the minutes. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

4. TRESURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was presented with a township balance of \$275,256.13. This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed.

Charlie and Ron approved claims and signed checks with social distancing enforced. State Bank required a number of steps to only allow one signature on the check so it was determined to continue with 3 signatures and ensure social distancing precautions were enforced.

Charlie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

5. BUSINESS

Kristine Anderson, the in-house attorney at Jaguar Communications, joined the call. Jaguar is being acquired by Metro Net, a family-owned company based out of Indiana. Per MN state statute, in any communities where jaguar provides video, they need township consent of a change of ownership.

The township has two options:

Option 1: waive right to purchase and consent to acquisition

Option 2: could also remove the Jaguar Communication cable system from township

From the customer-facing perspective, there will be no change. They will continue to operate the same way.

Bill made a motion to waive the right to purchase and consent to the acquisition. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Elaine will put a photo and a blurb in the MN Association of Townships magazine to honor Arnie for his service to Forest Township. In addition, Forest Township will send flowers if they have a service.

Ashley presented information on a disability policy offered by Minnesota Benefit Association. The board determined to pass on the policy.

Ashley told the group of the weekly Minnesota Associations of Townships COVID conference calls. Ashley will continue to monitor.

Ashley has been conducting research on creating a website for Forest Township and presented a quote for Darla Frandrup, clerk of Warsaw Township, Goodhue County to assist in creating the website for Forest Township.

Charlie made a motion to approve the quote of \$1000.00 to pay Darla Frandrup to build the Forest Township website and provide website maintenance training to the clerk. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Sam and Dean Sutherland joined the call. They have found and cleaned up garbage on Township roads. If there is additional garbage found Sam will bring it to the town hall and call one of the supervisors to let them know it is there.

Dan started culvert maintenance on Elmore and 120th.

Tom from Advanced Septic did some testing on Circle Lake Estates and knows who is dumping softeners in the system. Charlie will wait until the website is up prior to providing additional communication to homeowners.

6. ADJOURN

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Charlie seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Anderson, Clerk, Forest Township.