



Forest Township

Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

July 3, 2019

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, William Malecha, Charlie Peters, Elaine Trnka, Ashley Anderson

2. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM June 5, 2019.

Elaine read the minutes from the June 5 meeting.

A change in wording was requested. The corrected minutes read “....made a motion to appoint Ashley as Clerk”. Bill made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. BUSINESS

The treasurer’s report was presented with the township balance being \$313,696.92. Rice County deposited 70% of property tax distribution. The remaining 30% will be deposited in early July. Road and Bridge fund contains approximately \$215,000.

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

The MN State Demographic Center estimates Forest Township as having a population of 1,314 and estimates the number of households at 490, as of April 1, 2018.

The chairman of the Circle Lake Improvement District, considered a form of local government, requests use of the Town Hall free of charge for their meetings. The Circle Lake Improvement Districts also requests that road not be mowed until after the Circle the Lakes race. Township Board ensured that roads will not be mowed until after the race. Race is set for September 14.

Charlie made a motion that Circle Lake Improvement District can use the Town Hall for their monthly meetings free of charge. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Discussion was had about various township road conditions. Due to recent work done by the Fox Lake Access Road, a recent large rainfall did not wash over the road.

The Sportsman's Club will install internet in the Forest Town Fall. It will be a 3-year contract and the Club will pay for it. Forest Town Board will have access to the Wi-Fi.

There are some concerns over a septic system in Circle Lake Estates.

The Township has been spraying for Wild Parsnip throughout the township.

The Town board requests that Elaine hold Kielmeyer's check until the Township receives the Bond and Contract. Elaine will be notified by the Supervisors when to mail the check.

Discussion was had about road gravel maintenance. Charlie will order Road Closed signs in addition to road cones. In addition, inspection is being done on the gravel and results should be back shortly.

The Township is looking at having some maintenance done on the township truck.

Elaine would like to create a fund for each of the SSDs in CTAS.

Charlie made a motion to create four more funds in CTAS for each of the SSD accounts. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Discussion was had about road grading.

Charlie made a motion that Dan Deutsch and Steve Trnka be designated as the alternate operators of the grader, should Bill not feel up to grading. Ron seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bill has had requests for crushed rock. Lois Halverson requested a trailer of crushed rock in her driveway. They will take care of spreading it. In addition, Rick Pavcek would like a load of crushed rock dumped on the cul-de-sac at the end of Fox Lake Path. Rick will take care of spreading it.

4. **ADJOURN**

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. Charlie seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Anderson, Clerk, Forest Township.