



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

November 6, 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 OCTOBER 2, 2019.

Ashley read the minutes from the October 2 meeting.

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

3. TRESURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was presented with a township balance of \$266,616.61. This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed.

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

4. BUSINESS

The Minnesota Association of Townships Annual Meeting will be held in Mankato November 22 and 23. Elaine and Ashley will talk it over to determine if either will attend.

Charlie updated the board about some Circle Lake Estates SSD issues. Ryland agreed to warranty a holding tank in Circle Lake Estates.

There has not been a lot of movement on the AutoBahn. According to local sources, they are getting closer to finalize the plan for Medford to hook up to the Faribault Sewer. There is also potential for Faribault sewer to go north, potentially to Forest Township. The group discussed the potential of a municipality bringing sewer out and how that impact landowners. If discussions continue the town board will get involved to make sure the township needs are considered.

Bill thanks the town board for the flowers sent.

A new Circle Lake Estates resident had questions about a bill received from Advanced Septic for an inspection fee. Charlie also answered some questions about the subordinate sewer system and how it works for users. The resident was having issues with the phone line and Charlie offered to check into it.

Brian Redford and TJ Dvorak came on behalf of the Northfield Fire Relief Association. They were approached by Boonie's Bar and Grill asking for the association to take over charitable gambling at Boonie's. The Township board needs to approve and sign the xxxx form. Then, it will go to Rice County for final approval.

Charlie made a motion to approve the Northfield Fire Relief Association to take over charitable gambling at Boonie's Bar and Grill. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Forest Township resident expressed issues with gravel and a problem with a ditch. The resident is trying to determine the best course of action to remedy the problem. The township would not be a permitting agency to determine whether the ditch can be worked on. The Township assured that the road in question will be receiving rock next Spring and the board would work hard to ensure it comes as early as possible.

Ashley presented a resolution to assess property owners for any delinquent Advanced Septic invoices on the 2020 property taxes.

Charlie made a motion to assess property owners for any delinquent Advanced Septic invoices. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Elaine asked the board when the township should pay Advanced Septic for the unpaid invoices. The board determined that once we receive the first half property tax amount in June, the township should pay Advanced Septic in full for those delinquent invoices.

Ashley presented a motion to assess a Forest Township resident for an unpaid fire call.

Charlie made a motion to assess the resident for the unpaid fire call. Bill seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Township also agreed to pay the appropriate fire department in June, after the first half of property taxes are received at the township for any assessed amounts.

Ashley presented a resolution to assess the Circle Lake SSD members \$500 for the operating and maintenance cost of the system to their property taxes for the year 2020 and 2021.

Bill made a motion to assess the Circle Lake members \$500 for the operating and maintenance cost of the system to their property taxes for the year 2020 and 2021. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ashley presented a resolution to assess the Fox Lake SSD members \$700 for the operating and maintenance cost of the system to their property taxes for the year 2020 and 2021.

Charlie made a motion to assess the Fox Lake SSD members \$700 for the operating and maintenance cost of the system to their property taxes for the year 2020 and 2021. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ashley presented a resolution to assess the Maple Shores SSD members \$1500 for the operating and maintenance cost of the system to their property taxes for the year 2020 and 2021.

Bill a motion to assess the Maple Shores members \$1500 for the operating and maintenance cost of the system to their property taxes for the year 2020 and 2021. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ashley presented a resolution to assess the Circle Lake Estates SSD members \$1000 on each lot, occupied or unoccupied, for the operating and maintenance cost of the system to their property taxes for the year 2020.

Charlie made a motion to assess the Circle Lake Estates SSD members \$1000 on each lot, occupied or unoccupied, for the operating and maintenance cost of the system to their property taxes for the year 2020. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ashley presented a resolution to designate the Forest Town Hall as the election site for all elections held in 2020.

Bill make a motion designate the Forest Town Hall as the election site for all elections held in 2020. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ashley presented a resolution to designate Rice County Property Tax & Elections as the absentee ballot voting location for the March Township Election.

Charlie made a motion to designate Rice County Property Tax & Elections as the absentee ballot voting location for the March Township Election. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The County informed the Township of a parcel of land in Forest Township that was forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of property taxes.

Bill made a motion to approve the forfeited parcel for public action or action to adjacent owners. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

5. ADJOURN

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. Charlie seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Anderson, Clerk, Forest Township.