



**Forest Township**  
Rice County  
3625 Millersburg Boulevard  
Faribault, Minnesota

**Wednesday June 3, 2020**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Monthly Township Meeting minutes**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman Ron Gernandt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

**2. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 6, 2020.**

Ashley read the minutes from the May 6 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 \$273,905.18. 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**

No new updates regarding the property development along the highway.

Tom Wirtzfeld from Advance Septic will look at the Community Septic page on the new Forest Township website and make suggestions of materials/language to include.

Tom would like to work with the township board to keep track of who is living in each home in the sewer districts and to ensure they all know that a compliance check is needed for the system prior to a sale of one of the homes in the district.

Tom completed 3 major repairs. All came in at the quoted amount except for the UV light project, which came in at a lower price point due to lack of permit needed from the county. The UV system is running – it was wired up yesterday.

Advanced Septic checked homes on Circle Lakes Estates and Maples Shores. Out of the 32 homes on Circle Lake Estates, 14 have indication that they are putting too much chloride into the system. All on Maple Shores are high except for 2 homes. There is evidence that everyone is using their system a lot more due to recent events.

Charlie Peters, Jerry Anderson, Tom Wirtzfeld, and Ashley Anderson will get together to discuss next steps and plan an annual meeting for Circle Lake Estates residents.

In addition, there are a lot of remodels happening on Old Circle Lake & Fox Lake increasing home size which will impact the capacity of the system.

All the systems need mowing and the fence at Maple Shores needs maintenance. Tom will replace signs at each system to include phone numbers. Charlie will take care of a fence at Maple Shores. If Tom sees weeds, he will let Charlie know.

All systems are about built out. Tom has concerns about the amount of water running through the systems.

Fox Lake has an old panel with a phone line. It works great, but Tom is getting a quote on what it would cost to get it on a cell phone panel.

Tom discussed the cost of data for communicating with each panel.

Ron will give Elaine a list of who bought gravel for Elaine to bill residents.

The April 1, 2019 Township population estimate is 1,336 and household estimate is 500.

Bill wrote a burning permit for a township resident.

The Lake Dredging Conditional Use Permit will likely be put off another month as a few conditions haven't been met.

There are two addition variances recently applied for in Rice County – one by Lake Mazaska and one by Union Lake.

Sheriff Dunn said burning restrictions have been lifted due to recent rain fall.

Night to Unite has been moved to October 6, 2020.

5. **ADJOURN**

*Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Charlie seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Anderson, Clerk, Forest Township.