



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

**Wednesday, September 2, 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 AUGUST 5, 2020.**

Ashley read the minutes from the August 5 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 \$360,238.24 This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed.

The township received a check for the CARES funds in the amount of \$32,850. In addition, the township received the 2020 DNR Payment in Lieu of Taxes Distribution in the amount of \$1991.71.

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

**4. BUSINESS**

Dean Sunderlin thanked the Town Board for the use of the shop for the Circle Lake Improvement District's annual meeting. There were about 45 people in attendance.

A letter came from Arnie's Horejsi's family thanking the board for the flowers.

Northfield Fire and Rescue sent Forest Township an amended joint powers agreement.

*Bill made a motion to reaffirm the Joint Powers Agreement under which the Northfield Fire and Rescue Service operates by signing the amended agreement. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

*Charlie made a motion to appoint Ashley Anderson as the Forest Township representative on the Northfield Area Fire and Rescue Service Board. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

The annual Circle Lake Estates SSD meeting will be Wednesday, September 16. The board sent letters to all members inviting them to the meeting. In addition, the board sent letters to individuals whose output tested with high levels of salt. Two homes have responded and were resolved. Ashley will add an electronic option for people to join the annual meeting. Call-in information will be posted at the town hall and on the website. Ashley will post the financials for residents to review.

There is a ditch on 130<sup>th</sup> Ct. West in which the resident mows. The residents are requesting some dirt to level out the ditch. Charlie will see to it that they get some dirt either from the Circle Lake spoilage or other ditch cleaning. Ashley will let them know we will drop it in the ditch when the dirt is available.

A resident, new to Forest Township, attended to review any polices regarding mailbox placement. The resident has also had issues with neighbors trespassing.

The board discussed the CARES money. The board discussed using it to upgrade the HVAC system in the town hall to ensure high air quality for the visitors to the town hall.

There is a draft of the County's Comprehensive plan available for review and comment on the County's webpage.

There are no items in Forest Township on the Planning and Zoning agendas.

The board discussed a small building to put salt and sand. The project is on hold due to the lack of gambling income to the Sportsman's Club.

A Land Surveyor with the DNR is surveying the DNR property in Section 11 of Forest Township. He is searching for a road order for 102nd Street West. Bill will look in his abstract and Ashley will call the Recorder's Office.

The Minnesota Association of Townships is hosting the 2020 Fall Legislative & Research Committee Meetings the week of September 21 via Zoom. No one from the township will attend.

The August Primary Election went smoothly. The group discussed using the shop as the exit for the General Election, so people do not have to pass each other in the main door. The board also discussed ensuring the Town Hall is cleaned very well prior to the General. Ashley will reach out to Renee.

## 5. **ADJOURN**

*Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Charlie seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Anderson, Clerk, Forest Township.