



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, November 4, 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 OCTOBER 7, 2020.

Ashley read the minutes from the October 7 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 \$312,935.86. 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

Forest Township received \$32,850 in CARES funding. The township's expenses were \$15,965.11, leaving a remaining balance of \$16,884.89.

Charlie made a motion to accept the resolution to return the unspent CARES money in the amount of \$16,884.89 to Rice County. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Some technology items were purchased to allow for virtual meetings to be conducted. Ashley will set up Zoom meetings for monthly Township meetings for residents to join virtually. The Zoom link will be posted outside of the town hall and on the website. A new air filtering system was added in the townhall to help prevent the spread of COVID.

The Boland's driveway has been approved. Ashley will file the permit.

Jose Perez completed his driveway on 130th St W. The township is suggesting a 30-foot culvert as the driveway is very narrow.

Ron will confirm the status of the driveway permit at 67xx Fairfax Way.

Charlie will refurbish the Forest Township sign on the town hall and add the website below.

Charlie heard lots of good things about the way the general election was ran at Forest Township.

There is confusion at Rice County about the Forest Economic Development Association and if it is a formal committee of the town board. Clarifying language will be added to the township website stating that it has no formal affiliation with groups located in Forest Township.

Forest Township applied for a grant to combat noxious weeds from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$5,000.

Charlie made a motion to pass a resolution naming Forest Town Hall at 3625 Millersburg Blvd., Faribault, MN 55021 as the designated site for all elections held in Forest Township in the year 2021. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Charlie made a motion to pass a resolution naming Rice County Property Tax & Elections Department, 320 Third St NW, Faribault, MN 55021, as the designated absentee ballot voting location for the Township election, to be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Charlie made a motion to pass a resolution to assess John & Denise Sola, Casey & Jesse Cashman, Mark & Heidi Melnychuk, Mark & Lori Mueller for any outstanding Advanced Septic on property taxes for the year 2021. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Charlie made a motion to pass a resolution to assess the members of the Circle Lake Estates Subordinate Sanitary District for the operation and maintenance cost of the system to their property taxes for the year 2021 & 2022. The assessment shall be \$750.00 per year for all lots, occupied or unoccupied. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ashley will certify the unpaid Advanced Septic invoices and the Circle Lake Estates SSD annual assessment with Rice County by November 30, 2020.

Charlie talked about mailboxes and the Detlie's ditch.

The MAT annual meeting is Friday, November 20 and Saturday, November 21.

The October REPAC meeting was cancelled.

A Bonding Bill was recently passed which includes \$5 million earmarked specifically in the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) to help towns upgrade their roads to 10-ton capacity.

5. ADJOURN

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Charlie seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Anderson, Clerk, Forest Township.