



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

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Annual Meeting minutes**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Trish Burmeister called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**Members Present:** Ron Gernandt, Charlie Peters, William Malecha, Elaine Trnka, Trish Burmeister

**20 residents present.**

**2. ELECT MODERATOR**

*Jim Pagal made a motion to elect Bob Duban as the 2019 Forest Township Annual Meeting Moderator. Ron Gernandt seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

**3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 13, 2018.**

Trish read the minutes from the 2018 annual meeting.

*Paul Duban made a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Pagal seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

**4. 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Elaine presented the 2018 Forest Township financial report.

*Joe Trnka made a motion to accept the financial report. Ron Gernandt seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

**5. SELECT OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS**

*Joe Trnka made a motion to select Northfield News and Faribault Daily News as the official publications for Forest Township. Charlie Peters seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

## **6. SELECT 3 NOTICE POSTING PLACES**

*Ron Gernandt made a motion to select Boonie's Bar & Grill, the Forest Town Hall, and the clerk's residence as the official posting places. Jim Pagal seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

## **7. SET TIME FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING**

*Ron Gernandt made a motion for the 2020 Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 1:00 PM. Jim Pagal seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. FIRE DISTRICT 1: LONSDALE – There were four calls (½ were Northfield) and 3 rescues. They will be replacing a rescue truck.
- b. FIRE DISTRICT 2: NORTHFIELD – Kevin Estrem gave an update on Fire District 2.

## **9. TAX LEVY**

### **PROPOSED REVENUE FUND: \$50,000**

*Jim Pagal made a motion to keep the revenue fund at \$50,000. Elaine Trnka seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

### **PROPOSED ROAD AND BRIDGE: \$150,000**

*Bill Malecha made a motion to keep the road and bridge fund at \$150,000. Sam Sunderlin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

### **PROPOSED FIRE DISTRICT 1: \$32,000**

*Sam Sunderlin made a motion to raise the Fire District 1 fund to \$32,000, a \$5,000 increase. Ron Gernandt seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

### **PROPOSED FIRE DISTRICT 2: \$18,000**

*Jan Gillen made a motion to keep the Fire District 2 fund at \$18,000. Jim Pagal seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

## **10. OLD BUSINESS**

In May of 2018, Forest Township purchased a 2017 Freightliner truck for \$179,813.00.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

Bill informed residents that approximately \$120,000 will be spent on crushed rock. Forest Township residents can also buy crushed rock when it is being delivered from Kielmeyer's. Dan Deutsch did brush cutting and Charlie Peters sprayed for wild parsnip and thistle. Shoulder disking will also be done.

Ron Gernandt gave an update on the Township's tornado siren.

Residents discussed the Wolf Creek Autobahn Project.

*Leonard Tuma made a motion to submit a request to asking the county to do a noise study on the Wolf Creek Autobahn Project. Heidi Malecha seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

## **12. ADJOURN**

*Joe Trnka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m. Paul Duban seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Trish Burmeister, Clerk, Forest Township.