



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, May 5, 2021
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 THE MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 7, 2021.

Ashley read the minutes from the April 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 \$320,017.99. This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed. The township received a Community Coop dividend. The last Freightliner truck payment is due in June. In CTAS, Elaine and Ashley need to transfer \$11,935.45 from the Road and Bridge Fund to Freightliner Fund to zero out the Freightliner Fund, which amounts to the interest paid on the life of the loan.

Charlie made a motion to transfer \$11,935.45 from the Road and Bridge fund to the Freightliner fund. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

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 Town Board will meet with an impacted resident on Culver Ave to discuss the project to cut down the Culver Ave hill.

A resident had a concern over a driveway culvert in disrepair.

Gravel will be delivered by July 31st per the Kielmeyer contract.

RDO came to price out a new grader on the state bid and presented options. The tires need replacing on current grader and it has a rear end leak. The Township either needs to repair the current grader and buy new tires or buy a new grader at \$322,000 with \$110,000 for trade in leaving a balance due of \$212,000. If the Township orders in the next couple of weeks, it could be ready by September and prior to snow fall. The board calculated the cost of having a road grader to about \$17,700 per year. The township discussed selling the grader vs trading it in for a higher value.

Circle Lake Estates Association is having trouble with four wheelers and bikes and brought up the idea of a trail along Canby and 130th. The board discussed expanding the shoulder 6 feet for the pedestrians and bikes. For plowing purposes, it either needs to be right on the road, 10 feet from the road, or not maintained during the winter.

The County is looking at putting a water tower, centrally located, which would help the rural fire departments. It is possible that there is more COVID emergency infrastructure money. If they are going to pursue a commercial zone along the highway, there will need to be water.

The following SSD meetings will be held in June at 6:30 pm: June 16 - Circle Lake; June 23 - Fox Lake; June 30 - Maples Shores.

The Noxious Weed grant from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture is fully executed. The township can begin work and submit reimbursement requests. The board will work on educational materials prior to the SSD meetings in June.

The plow truck is not yet fixed, and Ashley will wait to submit paperwork to MATIT until it is fixed.

There are 3 items (large shed on Union Lake Trail, a home replacement 124th St W, and new home and garage near Mazaska) on the Board of Adjustment and 4 building permits (2 exterior maintenance, a pole building permit, and a demolition). The board had no concerns.

There were some issues with the dredging near Circle Lake.

A resident along 120th St. and 120th Ct. asked again for a load of dirt in a ditch. The township will try to get this done.

Ashley received a bill from Metro Net for internet at the Town Hall which is likely for the Sportsman's Club. Ashley will call Greg Dubon to see if it is their bill.

5. ADJOURN

Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 6:59 pm. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.