



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

**Wednesday, June 2, 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 MAY 5, 2021.**

Ashley read the minutes from the May 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 \$314,574.45. This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed. The truck will be paid off tomorrow. Elaine will present the financials at the upcoming SSD meetings.

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

**4. BUSINESS**

A Forest Township resident inquired about Cyrus Trail and its designation. He recently purchased a piece of property, and he is looking to determine how to utilize the property and is considering a small development. The board informed the resident that Cyrus trail is a private road. There appears to be confusion at Rice County on the status of Cyrus Trail. Charlie will inquire with Rice County.

Charlie met with the Giga's on Culver Ave, and they are supportive of the Culver Ave hill project. The road will be closed, starting in August, from the top of the hill to Fox Lake Trail. Tony Gillen has stated that he will allow access on his property to push and stockpile dirt.

Someone is putting up "No Fishing" signs on 130<sup>th</sup> between Fox and Circle Lake. No one knows who put them up, but the DNR says signs displaying this message cannot be placed.

The board is working on a bid and final pricing to fix the plow truck. Once that is finished, Ashley will submit to insurance.

There was a meeting last week with Bridgewater Township, Forest Township and Rice County. There are additional funds coming from the federal government to be spent by the end of 2024. Minnesota is getting approximately \$350 million. The County administrator is interested in a placing a water tower in Forest Township. In addition, the County is talking about changing the highway zone along 35 in Forest Township to light industrial.

Charlie discussed the items in Forest Township on the Rice County Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission agendas. There were no concerns. Ashley shared building permit applications with the board.

Ashley received an email from a law firm representing a Forest Township resident who owns a landlocked 30-acre parcel in Forest Township. The property owner is looking for an easement to the property. The board advised that the property owner work that out with the neighboring property in which they wish to obtain the easement from.

Ashley presented the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed grant's deliverables, reporting requirements, and budget.

Jerry Anderson spoke on behalf of a few items regarding the Northfield Rural Fire Board. Items include a pension increase for the firemen. The increase would take them from \$10,000/year of service to \$13,000/year. The other item is regarding a Fire Chief study to help with the Fire Chief transition.

The board discussed the potential of a walking trail on the East side of Circle Lake as residents are worried about the high walking traffic on Canby. The group also discussed eventually extending the trail system along 130<sup>th</sup>.

The Circle Lake Estates Township septic lot was discussed. The board will ensure the lot is maintained.

## **5. ADJOURN**

*Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*