



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, October 6, 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 SEPTEMBER 1, 2021.

Ashley read the minutes from the September 1 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 \$444,873.25. 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

Elaine printed out the use of ARPA funds presentation for the board to review. Elaine spoke to MAT and they recommended using the calculation of lost revenue to best utilize the APRA funds. The group discussed different uses and have decided to wait to code any expenses as ARPA until further clarification is determined.

Sam Sunderlin expressed concerns regarding the zoning change proposed by Bridgewater Township. If it goes through, there will be a new zone available countywide. Charlie will mention the concerns about the minimum of 2.5 acres and ask why the new zone is not

delineated on a map, like all other ordinances, at the upcoming hearing. There were also concerns with enforcement regarding conditional use permits.

Ed Olson had a concern about an invoice from Advanced Septic. Tom from Advanced Septic is going to do a sludge judge to determine the validity of the invoice. Charlie will call Tom to confirm that gets done. Ed will pay the bill if the test confirms the tank was recently pumped.

Bill and Ron gave Elaine a list of private gravel bills. Elaine will charge \$20.00 per load.

There are no outstanding fire bills and no outstanding gravel bills. Ashley is working with Advanced Septic on a few outstanding Septic bills.

Charlie made a motion to have Forest Township pay the Advanced Septic invoice for 13370 Fox Lake Trail in the amount of \$242.00, in exchange for the work Tony Gillen did on the Culver Ave Hill project. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Greater MN Gas put the link back in the gas line at the Culver Ave Hill Project. The project is almost complete minus the guardrails. Wayne Gieseke donated some recycled blacktop for the Culver Hill Project. The vegetation is coming up nicely.

Dan recently completed a project on Fairfax Ave. Two loads of crushed rock went to Cyrus Trail to fix a low spot. There is no movement on the Pedilinsky development at the end of Cyrus Trail.

The Kielmeyer invoice has been paid. The board decided not to prepay next year.

The Circle Lake race went well.

The board reviewed the building permits and had no concerns.

There were no items from Forest Township on the Planning Commission. There was one item on the Board of Adjustment. The board had no concerns.

Jaguar Communications is doing some work along Circle Bluff Court.

There was a meeting regarding the Rice County 2040 Comprehensive Plan on September 20.

The Forest Bridgewater Joint Powers Board will meet again in two weeks at the Forest Townhall at 6:00 PM. On the agenda is signing a contract with an engineer. The County will pay a third of engineering costs.

5. ADJOURN

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