



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

**Wednesday, November 3, 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 OCTOBER 6, 2021.**

Ashley read the minutes from the October 6 meeting.

Elaine and Charlie discussed the motion in the October 6 meeting regarding the Advanced Septic Gillen invoice. Tony Gillen did pay the Advanced Septic invoice. Tony Gillen is going to give the township an invoice for seeding the Culver Avenue hill. Ed Olson also paid the Advanced Septic bill as the sludge judge showed his tank was recently pumped.

*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 \$390,352.03. This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed.

The Township received money from the state of Minnesota for the Market Value Ag credit. Elaine would like 4<sup>th</sup> quarter hours at the end of November to be paid at the December meeting.

*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 township noticed that the special assessment for the operating costs and maintenance costs for Tony Gillen's property was associated with the wrong PID. It has been updated in 2022 to the correct PID that is associated with the property that is hooked up to the Fox Lake SSD.

There are no outstanding bills due to the township for the 2022 special assessments.

Charlie did survey work for the guardrail project on Culver Hill. Charlie has been working with the Giga's to put up posts and remove trees for the project.

Tires for the grader come on Tuesday. Charlie ordered plow wing blades for the grader and the truck. The truck is back but they are waiting on one more part and they will let us know when it comes in. The board discussed salting/sanding/rocking strategies for winter.

Charlie gave a Joint Powers update. There are companies looking at properties in the district. The Joint Powers isn't going to do anything regarding bonding, sewer, or water until there is a signed purchase agreement. There will be upfront assessments for water and sewer for any interested companies. The County is working closely with the Joint Powers Board.

The board discussed street signs and the board is planning a large order of signs to be installed in the Spring.

There were no Forest Township items on the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment meetings this month. The board reviewed this month's building permits and had no concerns.

The board received a concern from a resident who lives on Fairfax regarding the township spraying her Maple trees that are hanging over the road. Charlie responded and explained visual sight line issues.

The board received a letter from the Rice County Highway Department regarding township road mileage. The township maintains 34 miles of roads. Ashley will verify the mileage with the county.

The April 1, 2020, Census counts for Forest township are as follows: Total population: 1,330, total housing units: 582, and occupied housing units: 489.

Metro Net is doing some work at the intersection of Cir Lake Ln & 113<sup>th</sup> Ct W.

The board reviewed the resolutions regarding the special assessments for Maple Shores, Fox Lake and Circle Lake Subordinate Sewer Districts for 2022 and 2023.

*Charlie made a motion to assess the Circle Lake members \$300 for the operating and maintenance cost of the system to their property taxes for the year 2022 and 2023. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

*Charlie made a motion to assess the Fox Lake SSD members \$600 for the operating and maintenance cost of the system to their property taxes for the year 2022 and 2023. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

*Charlie a motion to assess the Maple Shores members \$1500 for the operating and maintenance cost of the system to their property taxes for the year 2022 and 2023. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

The board reviewed resolutions regarding elections in 2022.

*Charlie made a motion to designate the Forest Town Hall as the election site for all elections held in 2022. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

*Charlie made a motion to designate Rice County Property Tax & Elections as the absentee ballot voting location for the 2022 March Township Election. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

*Charlie made a motion to designate Rice County Property Tax & Elections as the designated UOCAVA ballot board for the 2022 March Township Election. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

The board discussed a driveway permit.

The board discussed a resident's concern regarding the potential of planned unit developments in the highway commercial. There will be a designated allotted water amount per site which will determine who is able to establish in Forest Township. In addition to the initial assessment, future developments will also have a yearly assessment for the operating and maintenance costs of the SSD.

The board said they are not interested in joint zoning with Bridgewater.

## **5. ADJOURN**

*Bill made a motion to adjourn at 6:44 pm. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*