



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

**Wednesday, December 1, 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 NOVEMBER 3, 2021.**

Ashley read the minutes from the November 3 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 \$393,947.52. This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed.

Township received additional ARPA funds, a supplement to the first half, due to additional funds remaining. This supplement will also be made with the second payment.

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

**4. BUSINESS**

Forest Township received a cartway petition on Wednesday, November 24. Charlie contacted the Township lawyer. The Forest township board discussed retaining legal counsel to talk to the Tupa's lawyer. The township has 30 days to set a cartway hearing and the petitioner must inform all impacted landowners 10 days prior to cartway hearing. The board also suggested that the Township lawyer confirms that the impacted property owners received official notice. After the hearing, there is no statutory timeline to decide to grant or deny the petition.

The board set a meeting for January 12, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Charlie will have the lawyer inform the Tupa's lawyer of the requirement to post security in the determined amount of \$10,000.

*Charlie made a motion to accept the cartway petition, post security in the amount of \$10,000, and to set a hearing date of January 12, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

*Charlie made a motion to use Ryan Blumhoefer as the township lawyer for this cartway petition. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

Bill and Ron went to a meeting with Benjamin Bus regarding snowplowing, township roads, and school bus routes.

Ron and Charlie discussed a driveway permit on 130<sup>th</sup> St. The board will grant the property owner a permit when he gives the board a check for \$600.00.

Charlie presented Joint Powers business.

*Charlie made a motion to approve resolution 2021-11, a legal counsel waiver from Tiede Grabarski PLLC, as it relates to the Joint Powers Board legal counsel and Forest Township. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

*Charlie made a motion to approve the resolution 2021-12 to execute an amendment of the original joint powers agreement to update the map, Exhibit A, to shrink the size of the development district. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

*Charlie made a motion to approve the first amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement of Bridgewater Township and Forest Township to update the map, Exhibit A, to shrink the size of the development district. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

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

The township election will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The first day for filing affidavits of candidacy will be Tuesday, December 28, 2021. The last day will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

The board discussed the local board of appeal and equalization. The board decided to continue to offer the meeting locally. Ashley will bring a resolution next month to reinstate the local board of appeal and equalization.

The truck has been repaired and all paperwork has been submitted to insurance.

There is a Forest Township resident who would like guardrails on the Culver Ave hill. The board does not think that project will happen this year due to the supply chain issues and contractor schedules.

There is a new house going up on Fairfax Court and the resident has asked the board to push snow away from the driveway.

## **5. ADJOURN**

*Bill made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 pm. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*