



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

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**  
**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, Elaine Trnka, Ashley Anderson

**2. APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 1, 2021.**

Ashley read the minutes from the December 1 meeting.

*Charlie made a motion to approve the minutes. Ron seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

Ashley read the minutes for the December 21 Tupa Cartway Petition Special Meeting.

*Charlie made a motion to approve the minutes. Ron seconded the motion. All voted and favor and the motion carried.*

**3. TRESURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report was presented with a township balance of \$466,439.65. This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed.

The township received reimbursement from MATIT for the damage to the truck minus the deductible. The township also received reimbursement from the noxious weed grant expenses.

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

**4. BUSINESS**

The board reviewed resolution 2022-01 to reinstate the Forest Township Local Board of Appeal and Equalization.

*Charlie made a motion to accept resolution 2022-01 to reinstate the Forest Township Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. Ron seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

Dale Petelinsek bought property at the end of Cyrus trail. Dale wants to subdivide 10 acres into 3 lots of 3 acres each. Cyrus trail will need to be extended. Dale provided a drawing and an application that he turned into the county. Dale will present to the county in February 2022. The project does not need a variance and is within the bluff line set back. Trent from Rice County wants a statement from Forest Township regarding the future development and implications to Cyrus Trail.

*Charlie made motion that Forest Township has no issue with the South Shore property development of Dale Petelinsek, which involves the development of the current parcel into three lots. As Cyrus Trail is not a Forest Township Road, Forest Township has no issue with the development hooking up to Cyrus Trail. Ron seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

The board received affidavits of service for all impacted property owners regarding the upcoming Tupa Cartway Petition Special Meeting.

The Wolf Creek Autobahn developer declared bankruptcy and the property is back up for sale.

There are no projects in the works for the Joint Powers board, but Inland Development has purchase agreements on 3 properties in or near the district.

There are no updates on the Circle Lake trail system. It is possible the board could use ARPA funding on the trail system.

Forest Township received an extension on the Noxious Weed grant. Funds must be spent by June 30, 2022.

Charlie is meeting with an engineer for the guardrail project on Culver Ave.

Steve would like to start doing less snowplowing and the board discussed the following: the need for more plow & grader operators; options of individuals to approach; pay for machine operators.

To ensure all individuals doing work for Forest Township are covered by workman's compensation, Forest Township is changing the way they will pay people doing work for the township (unless the individual has a business and provides their own certificate of insurance). The Township will pay individuals through payroll which will ensure they are covered by the Township's workman's compensation insurance.

The township received notice from Xcel Energy regarding their request to increase rates for natural gas service.

Forest Township will ensure party balance at all elections and will cater in both lunch and dinner for election judges.

The Township Oath of Office and Certificate of Elections will be issued at the Forest Township Reorganization meeting at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 16. The Board of Audit meeting will be held during the regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

Charlie will find out if there will be a Joint Powers meeting on January 19, 2022.

The board discussed beginning equipment replacement discussions.

## **5. ADJOURN**

*Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 pm. Ron seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*