



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, March 2, 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 THE FEBRUARY 2, 2022 & BOARD OF AUDIT MEETING.

Ashley read the minutes from the February 2 & Board of Audit meeting.

Charlie made a motion to approve the minutes. Ron 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 \$456,169.80. This is the balance with the SSD, Tri-Lakes, and Tupa Cartway accounts removed.

The board discussed a process to ensure that the Tupa Cartway Petition invoices get approved by the Tupa legal counsel.

The checking account balance is getting large due to the ARPA funds. The funds are covered through the bank insurance for up to \$550,000. The township can request the insured amount to be raised at no cost to the township. Elaine will ask State Bank to raise the security for an additional \$100,000.

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 annual meeting of the Rice County Township Officers Association will be held on March 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church. Ron will attend.

The board reviewed a draft agenda of the upcoming Forest Township Annual Meeting.

The Forest Township Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held on April 12, 2022 at 9:00 am at the Forest Town Hall.

The board reviewed the two resolutions addressing 2022 redistricting.

Charlie made a motion to approve resolution 2022-04 reestablishing Forest Township's precinct boundaries and polling place. Ron seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Charlie made a motion reestablishing the Forest Town Hall as the designated site for all elections held in Forest Township in the year 2022. Ron seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Forest Township Reorganizational meeting will be held on March 16 at 5:00 p.m. at the Forest Town Hall.

The passing of Congressman Hagedorn has created a vacancy in the office of U.S. Representative for the 1st Congressional District, which by law will be filled by a special election. It is possible that there will be a Special Election on May 24 which would require an election to be held at the Forest Town Hall.

The board received the 2022 Agreement for Fire Protection Services from the Northfield Rural Fire Protection District. The board signed the agreement.

The township received two quotes for the Culver Ave Hill guardrail project. The Mattison quote came in significantly lower.

Charlie made a motion to pursue the quote received from Mattison Contractor for the guardrail project on Culver Avenue. Ron seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The township's lawyer had to remove themselves from the Tupa Cartway Petition proceeding and recommended new counsel. The board will secure new counsel and hold a hearing on the property in question. The hearing will be scheduled in the Spring when the land is more accessible.

The Forest Bridgewater Joint Powers Development District will meet next on March 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Forest Towns Hall. The board will review the sewer and water engineering study. There are no companies committed at this time.

Charlie has ordered all the missing road signs.

Charlie will order swing away mailboxes. Charlie will also make up some temporary mailboxes in case there is a need.

The board discussed having a mailbox at the town hall to receive mail. Elaine and Ashley will do some research.

The board discussed town hall rentals. There has been an issue with needing staff needed to provide support to events due to tripping breakers. The board discussed providing renters more information in an effort to prevent future problems.

5. ADJOURN

Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 6:57 pm. Ron seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.