



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, June 1, 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, William Malecha, Ashley Anderson

2. APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MAY 4, 2022 MEETING

Ashley read the minutes from the May 4 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 \$ 467,533.64. This is the balance with the SSD, Tri-Lakes, and Tupa Cartway 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

Night to Unite will be held on August 2, 2022, from 6:00 pm – 8 pm. The board will grill hot dogs and arrange for the expenses to be paid.

Dan Belcourt stopped by from the Rice County Sheriff's Office. Jesse Thomas, Rice County Sheriff, would like to send deputies out to township meetings, when able, to answer questions.

There was discussion about speeding in Circle Lake Estates.

66 voters turned out for the May 24th Congressional District 1 Special Primary.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture offered another Noxious Weed Grant extension. The board declined as they finished up the remainder of the funds in May.

The U.S. Census Bureau is accepting cases for the 2020 Post-Census Group Quarters Review (PCGQR). This provides a mechanism for governmental units to request that the Census Bureau review their population counts for group quarters they believe were not counted correctly as of April 1, 2020. The board declined.

Ashley shared an update from the Northfield Rural Fire Board. The Rural Fire Board is against a full-time fire chief and passing on the expense of fire inspections and fire prevention programs to the rural townships. The Rural Board will put together a statement for NAFRS asking for this concern to be considered.

The township does not provide dust control on township roads for residents.

The Tupa's have abandoned the cartway petition, but the township has not received anything official from the Tupas to close out the final billing.

The Culver Avenue guardrail project is done. Charlie has the MNDOT documents to be filed. The project went well.

Charlie discussed a few items on the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment along with the public hearing to add a rural industrial area and to amend the Rice County Zoning Map, changing the zoning classification from agriculture to rural industrial in a specified area in Bridgewater Township.

The board supplied a couple of mailboxes to township residents.

Ron will meet with Cory Kielmeyer tomorrow about gravel.

The board signed the purchase agreement for the grader with CAT. Charlie is working on collecting bids on the currently owned grader.

Ron and Bill went and reviewed gravel roads. The board discussed maintaining Baseline Road.

Metrofibernet provided the township with information about installation and maintenance of an existing network on Culver Trail.

5. ADJOURN

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 6:31 pm. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.