



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, July 6, 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 JUNE 1, 2022 MEETING

Ashley read the minutes from the June 1 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 \$498,371.72. This is the balance with the SSD, Tri-Lakes, and Tupa Cartway accounts removed. The township received 70% of the 1st half of property taxes from Rice County. The township also received the second half of the ARPA funds, which is payment in full.

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

4. BUSINESS

Ryan and John Witte are interested in the township's current grader. They are willing to offer \$120,000, as is, and cash on delivery. They would like it as soon as possible. Charlie will write up a contract.

Charlie makes a motion to sell the grader to Witte's for \$120,000, as is. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Charlie talked through an item on the Planning Commission's agenda, which is going in front of the Commissioners on July 12. Dale Petelinsek is working on a final plat to create three building lots and one outlot. Charlie would like the Circle Lake Improvement District to have input on the plat. The Planning Commission is requiring an additional engineer to approve the plat. There will also be a developer's agreement, which the township needs to sign off on. The board will review it in partnership with the township lawyer. A township resident has concerns about the plat regarding the water the development will add to the ravine and its impact on the road.

Dean is concerned about the discharge and erosion under Fox Lake Trail. Charlie and Dan will look at it.

Charlie will finish up the gates on Giga's driveway and will work on the erosion on the Gillen's corner of the Culver Ave Hill project.

Wayne Gieseke has a gravel pit in Forest Township and stopped by to introduce himself.

Steve did the first ditch mowing and Charlie did some extra mowing to take care of thistles. There is not a lot of parsnip in township ditches. Charlie will continue to address thistle on township roads.

The board reviewed a grader wing. The board decided to keep it the same for now.

The townhall's air conditioning motor needs replacing, and the board is hoping to get it fixed under warranty.

There are no updates on the Joint Powers Development District. No businesses are interested in property in Forest Township, but there might be a company interested on a property in Bridgewater.

Ashley read resolution 2022-08, appointing election judges for the August 9 and November 8 elections.

Bill moved to accept resolution 2022-08, appointing election judges for the August 9 and November 8 elections to be held in Forest Township in 2022. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ashley shared the following population and household estimates from the Minnesota State Demographic Center for Forest Township: As of April 1, 2021 estimates are: 1,344 population and 494 households.

The board discussed other Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment items and had no concerns.

The board discussed the purchase of a new grader.

Bill moved to use ARPA funds to purchase grader. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Forest Township submitted its last invoices for the Noxious Weed grant and is awaiting final reimbursement.

Regarding the Tupa cartway petition, the Township is waiting for a formal abandonment letter from the Tupa's lawyer. Charlie is working with the Township's lawyer to acquire the letter and a final lawyer bill prior to returning any unspent funds to the Tupas.

Ron will review an outstanding driveway permit on Circle Bluff Court.

The federal mileage reimbursement rate went up to 62.5 cents/mile. The board decided to leave it at 60 cents/mile.

The board is still waiting on gravel. Kevin did some grading.

5. ADJOURN

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 6:41 pm. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.