



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, August 3, 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 JULY 6, 2022 MEETING

Ashley read the minutes from the July 6 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 \$600,525.72. This is the balance with the SSD, Tri-Lakes, and Tupa Cartway accounts removed. The Tupa cartway account will be closed out with the final check headed to the Tupa's for the remaining funds due to the abandonment of the cartway petition. The township printed a check for the grader and used ARPA funds, in full, in the amount of \$141,739.07. The difference was taken out of the road and bridge fund. The township received the final payment on the noxious weed grant. The township also received a Township Aid payment from the state of Minnesota.

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

4. BUSINESS

Brianne Hoffert, Circle the Lake Race Director, came to introduce herself and thank the township for their support of the race.

Marci brought the board the expenses from the National Night Out. Approximately 65 people were in attendance. Charlie will ask if the Sportsman's Club will cover the expenses. Leftover food will be donated to the Faribault Food Shelf.

Charlie made a motion to reimburse Marci Sanford for the National Night out expenses. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Sergeant Peterson joined the meeting on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's department will be full force in early August. The Forest Township National Night Out signs were stolen. The Sheriff's Office will keep their eye out for them. Sam Sunderlin asked about having a law enforcement presence at planning and zoning meetings that are known to be controversial.

Ron talked to Corey Kielmeyer. Corey said that the township will begin to get gravel on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. Corey said it will be done by the deadline. Ron and Bill did a road tour. The gravel was secured at \$12.55 per ton.

The air conditioner is fixed.

The Giga's gates are done, and Dan will add clay to widen the driveway.

The board reviewed and approved the new driveway permit application. Ashley will add it to the website.

Ashley will review the driveway that was installed without a culvert and report back to Ron.

There was a sewer leak on the old Circle Lake SSD. The homeowner will pay for the repair.

Charlie got half of the township signs up throughout the township.

Charlie discussed the Joint Powers Board. The Forest Township board is not interested in bonding on projects solely residing in Bridgewater Township with no benefit to Forest. Forest Township would be interested if it was a large system that could also serve future development in Forest.

Charlie made a motion that any onsite wastewater/well system built for a specific site would be the responsibility of the township in which the system/business resides. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motioned carried.

Ashley will step down as the Clerk for the Joint Powers Board and Frances, the clerk of Bridgewater Township, will take over.

The board signed paperwork to set up the account with CAT. Charlie will deliver the paperwork and the check for the grader to CAT.

The Minnesota Association of Township's District 4 meeting will be held on August 10, 2022. The board declined the invitation.

There were no concerns regarding the items on the Board of Adjustment agenda.

The Circle Lake Improvement District will hold their Annual meeting on August 15, 2022.

The board discussed rental agreements – and what type of organizations can utilize the townhall at no cost. Ashley will create the criteria and bring it to the next board meeting for approval. All organizations looking to hold meetings at no cost should get approval from the clerk.

The August 9th Primary Election will be held at the Forest Town Hall.

The Tupa's abandoned the cartway petition and sold the property without an established cartway.

The board discussed mowing and blading prior to the Circle the Lake race. The township will not blade on the day of the race and the board will mow either well in advance of the race or after the race. Brianne will call Bill to get a hold of the signs for the race.

5. ADJOURN

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 6:43 pm. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.