



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, September 7, 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 AUGUST 3, 2022 MEETING

Ashley read the minutes from the August 3 meeting.

Charlie made a motion to approve the minutes. Bill 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 \$361,531.42 This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed. The board received a check for the sale of the John Deere grader, and it is included in the township balance.

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

4. BUSINESS

Dale Petalinek presented the land split proposal on the South Side of Circle Lake. It was approved by the County. The next step is to get approval from the Township. There will be a preconstruction meeting next week. The township needs to be a part of this meeting. The hope is to begin to turn dirt the week of September 19. The board reviewed the developer's agreement and the plat and signed off on behalf of the township.

Sheriff Thomas shared that patrol is fully staffed, and they will be a couple short on the corrections side by the end of the month. The new jail is ahead of schedule.

Charlie acquired oil sample kits and a spare air filter for the grader. Dale Detlie made carts for the wings of the grader and a grader box.

Charlie gave an update on the Joint Powers Board. RLS Partners is looking for property for a cold storage facility. They want to acquire 80 acres in Bridgewater Township by the rail spur. RLS is looking at onsite sewage and water. There is no new development news on the interstate.

Steve is currently mowing the ditches and Dan did some brush cutting at the end of Baker Ave.

Gravel is done for the year and the total came in around \$25,000. Next year the board will write the contract for Corey to sign with a deadline, penalties, and a bond.

There was a call about a culvert on 125th. The resident was worried about the size of the culvert and was looking for help to ensure there will be no drainage or erosion issues due to the size of the culvert. It was a private road, so the township couldn't help.

The board discussed an item on the Board of Adjustment agenda. A resident has applied for a 40-ft variance from the 75-ft setback requirement to allow for a septic system to be located 35-ft from Circle Lake. It was approved with additional conditions.

The town board agreed on \$20 per load township fee for private gravel. This is in addition to the cost of the gravel.

Insurance was dropped from the old grader and added to the new grader.

The final driveway approval has been completed on Circle Bluff Trail.

The Ziegler CAT credit account has been set up.

Ashley gave an update on the Northfield Rural Fire Board. The Rural Board will see an increase which will be passed along to the townships.

Ashley is working to renew the Township's SAM registration to accept government grants in the future.

The board discussed criteria for reduced rental fees for the rental of the Town Hall. Ashley will update Renee and the website.

5. ADJOURN

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 6:36 pm. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.