



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, November 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, William Malecha, Ashley Anderson

2. APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 5, 2022 MEETING

Ashley read the minutes from the October 5 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 \$306,295.95. This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed. The Township received money from the state of Minnesota for the agricultural market value credit in the amount of \$3,662.66. There are two unpaid gravel bills, but the township expects payment and does not plan to assess. As Ben from Advanced Septic is getting up and running, the group discussed not assessing any unpaid balances from 2022, rather waiting until end of 2023 and assessing in 2024 if there are any unpaid balances.

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

4. BUSINESS

Charlie had a few calls on the abandoned Tupa Cartway. The property owner is claiming the driveway is a minimum maintenance road, which implies a township road. The land the property owner is using to access the property is not a township road.

Charlie shared information regarding the upcoming Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission meetings. Ryan Nugent plans to build a shed on Circle Lake and is seeking a height requirement variance. He is going to add property to the home property. In addition, there was a concern about a dirt pile and run off near the frontage road. The owner of the dirt pile is applying for a conditional use permit to remove the dirt.

The County plans to have Baseline Road asphalted by winter.

Charlie gave a Joint Powers update. RLS is going to locate in Bridgewater Township. The plan is to sign purchase agreements in 2022. RLS and Bridgewater Township are going to build an onsite septic and a small well. In addition, they will asphalt a mile of road on 140th St. Bridgewater is going to build and maintain the septic system. Charlie and Glen are meeting with Steele Waseca and Great River Energy to discuss grants and low interest loans.

The Township cancelled the Zoom account due to no attendance for over 6 months. Ashley will remove the Zoom information from the website.

According to MATIT's actuary, the rate level analysis indicates a 9.8% aggregate increase in CLC rates for the next coverage year. The rate has not changed since 2009.

13511 Fox Lake Trail, part of the Fox Lake SSD, has an annual assessment amount of \$600 for 2022 and 2023 and was sold in September 2022. As part of closing costs, the 2023 assessment amount in the amount of \$600 was included. The township received a check for this amount and will ask the County to not include it in the 2023 special assessments for this property.

The board received a request from MAT about any experiences with annexation. Forest Township does not have any experience to share regarding annexation.

The board reviewed the resolution to assess 2023 Circle Lake SSD property owners for their annual assessment.

Charlie made a motion to herby pass the resolution to assess the Circle Lake SSD properties for the operating and maintenance cost of the system to their property taxes for the year 2023. The assessment shall be \$750 per year for all lots, occupied or unoccupied. No interest will be charged. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Charlie is getting Dan and Dale set for plowing.

Ron received some concerns about roads and dust control. The township will be doing some touch ups and leveling prior to winter.

5. ADJOURN

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 pm. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.