



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, December 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, William Malecha, Ashley Anderson, Elaine Trnka

2. APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2, 2022 MEETING

Ashley read the minutes from the November 2 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 \$289,917.31. This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed. All private gravel bills are paid for 2022.

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

4. BUSINESS

The board reviewed resolution 2022-11.

Charlie made a motion to approve resolution 2022-11 to appoint Rice County Property Tax & Elections Department as the designated absentee ballot voting location for the Township Election on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The board reviewed resolution 2022-12.

Charlie made a motion to appoint Jan Gillen, Ron Gernandt, William Malecha, Elaine Trnka, and Ashley Anderson as election judges for the Forest Township election on March 14, 2023. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ashley shared a policy extension from MATIT to extend the township's commercial insurance through June 2023, at no additional cost. The change is being made to ensure the township receives a renewal proposal by March 1st of every year.

The board verified that Forest Township maintains 34 miles of road.

669 people voted in person on the November election at the Forest Township polling location.

Charlie discussed an item on the Board of Adjustment agenda regarding a replacement home variance.

The board discussed the 2023 gravel bid process. The board also discussed having the gravel vendor sign a township contract. The board reviewed a draft of a contract Charlie and Ashley put together. Ashley will work with Charlie on a gravel bid to be put in the newspaper in January 2023.

Kluzak is working towards a development on the east side of Circle Lake on 125th St. It has not gone before the Rice County Planning and Zoning Commission yet. He is looking at splitting 10 acres into 3 lots. It will not be a community septic system. He reached out to the township for approval for driveway permits for the lots. The driveways would be on a private road, not a township road, therefore the township does not have jurisdiction over the location of driveways.

Ben from Advanced Septic is going to winterize this week.

Sheriff Thomas joined from the Rice County Sheriff's Office. Patrol is fully staffed; jail side is 6 or 7 correction officers short. Footings are in for the main building of the new jail. Sam Sunderlin and Sheriff Thomas discussed security at County Board meetings.

The Forest Bridgewater Joint Powers Development District will have a December meeting to discuss the RLS project in Bridgewater Township.

5. ADJOURN

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 6:42 pm. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.