



**Forest Township**  
Rice County  
3625 Millersburg Boulevard  
Faribault, Minnesota

**Wednesday, January 4, 2023**  
**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, Ashley Anderson, Elaine Trnka

**2. APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 7, 2022 MEETING**

Ashley read the minutes from the December 7 meeting.

*Charlie made a motion to approve the minutes. Ron 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 \$403,972.35. This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed. The township received the second half of property taxes from Rice County as well as township aid and market value ag credit from the state. Ashley & Elaine transferred the SSDs administrative fees into the general fund. All the SSDs are in a positive balance. The Shorewood Estates Road repair has been paid off. There was an over payment of \$106.77 after administrative fees were paid which were due to interest and penalties. The board will discuss this at the next Circle Lake meeting.

*Charlie made a motion to transfer the overpayment of \$106.77 into the Circle Lake SSD. Ron seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

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

**4. BUSINESS**

There were no items on the Planning Commission or the Board of Adjustment in Forest Township this month.

A resident called about improving safety on Garfield and 130<sup>th</sup> St. Someone got hit on the road pulling out of a driveway. The Township is looking at adding yield signs or stop signs to improve safety.

The Board of Adit meeting will be held during the regular town board meeting in February.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

The board will wait to schedule the annual reorganizational meeting, depending on the scheduling of the MAT short courses.

Township officials are invited to join the Minnesota Association of Townships for "Township Day at the Capitol" in St. Paul on February 1 and 2, 2023. The board declined to attend.

The board reviewed information about an upcoming hearing regarding water quality standards to be held by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

The Minnesota Association of Townships is offering a new online training model: MAT-U. Ashley registered the Township to get access to the platform.

Charlie and Ashley will put an add in the paper for gravel bids. The board decided to add in a note about the board requiring a contract and moving up the required date for gravel to be delivered.

The board discussed a mailbox at the townhall to receive mail vs it being mailed to the clerk and treasurer. No action will be taken at this time.

## **5. ADJOURN**

*Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 6:28 pm. Ron seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*