



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, May 3, 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, William Malecha

2. APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 5, 2023 MEETING

Ashley read the minutes from the April 5 meeting. The board noted one edit; there are 20, not 21 homes in Circle Bluff Homeowner's Association.

Charlie made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction. 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 \$369,353.71. This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed. There were three deposits last month – town hall rental income, interest earned on checking, and a Community Cooperative Oil patron dividend.

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 discussed the road maintenance needed in the Circle Bluff Homeowner's Association. The board reviewed quotes with the president of the Circle Bluff Homeowner's Association, Scott Selkirk. For the board to front the cost of the work and assess the properties over a set time period, all 20 parcels need to be in agreement and sign off on the agreement. The Township will pay for route and crack fill, but Fahrner Asphalt came through and said the road was past that and needed additional work, which the Township does not cover. The road is 24 years old. There

is no other source of revenue for the road maintenance from the township or the county. There was discussion around what happens if the association can't get all homeowner signatures.

The board discussed which roads needed rock with Kevin Brazil. The board has not done a road tour yet as they are waiting for rain.

Ron brought up a resident, Blake Goehring on 130th St, who is looking for 13 loads of gravel. The resident will work directly with Corey vs going through the township for payment.

There are no items from Forest Township on the Board of Adjustment or the Planning Commission.

The spring road restrictions were terminated this week.

Ashley will mail the notice of the biannual SSD meeting letters tomorrow, May 4, 2023, to all of the SSD households.

Ashley completed the 2023 ARPA reporting.

Charlie discussed shop lights. Charlie will order and install 8 of them.

The Township is on the list for Fahrner Asphalt to complete road work in Circle Lake Estates, on Culver Trail up to the speed bump and on 130th. Charlie is also getting bids for future work on 130th.

Dale Detile had talked to Elaine about a cell phone stipend.

Bill made a motion that Dale Detile shall receive the Township cell phone stipend, \$360/year paid in December, retroactive to January 1, 2023. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Elaine talked to the Minnesota Association of Townships about the transition from being elected to appointed. The only change will be the PERA plan for appointed employees. The clerk and treasure will now be in the Coordinated Plan vs the Defined Contribution Plan. With the Coordinated Plan, the employee puts in 6.5% and the township will put in 7.5%.

The board discussed attending the MAT Annual Meeting in St. Cloud in the Fall.

Charlie received posts and sign replacements for the corner of Culver and 140th St.

5. ADJOURN

Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 6:53 pm. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.