



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, June 7, 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 MAY 3, 2023 MEETING

Ashley read the minutes from the May 3 meeting.

Bill made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction. 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 \$349,817.68. This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed.

The board reviewed the financial spreadsheets for the upcoming SSD meetings next week.

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

4. BUSINESS

Dave Nichols came from the Rice County Historical Society (RCHS) The RCHS can help Rice County Townships out with projects to preserve township records. They are also asking for support from each of the townships. They are asking for a yearly \$500 donation from each township. The board will bring this request to the 2024 Township Annual meeting. RCHS is willing to help Forest with preserving their records. Ashley will reach out to them when Forest is ready for their support.

The board reviewed the June 7, 2023, Records Destruction Report.

Charlie made a motion to approve the destruction of the records listed in the June 7, 2023, Records Destruction Report. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The board reviewed the Ziegler CAT warranty notice. The board determined there was not a need to add an additional warranty because the Township purchased a 3-year warranty upon purchase.

The board reviewed an annexation notice. The State of Minnesota is letting Forest Township know that Faribault annexed some of Wells Township.

Kielmeyer signed the Forest Township Gravel Agreement. The board members each signed to fully execute the agreement. Ashley will send the fully executed agreement to Corey. All product must be delivered and spread no later than August 15th.

There are no items from Forest on Planning Commission agenda. There are two items on the Board of Adjustment agenda. There were no concerns from the board.

Ashley shared that last month there were 255 views by 88 people on the Forest Township website. Ashley also shared the Forest Township April 1, 2022 population and household estimates.

Population: 1,377; Household: 503

Ashley will bring the ballot box down to the county for testing next week.

The board discussed the Circle Bluff Homeowner Association road repair. The Township's lawyer reviewed the agreement. The board received a quote of \$88,754 for a 1.5 lip and a quote for \$12,730 for shoulder and topsoil work. Charlie is also receiving a quote for hydroseeding. The township will keep any penalties and fees due to unpaid assessments. The board agreed on a \$5,000 administration fee. Charlie discussed having the group present to the Town Hall to sign the agreement. The board will not charge interest. If there are two owners listed on the property, the board will require both parties to sign.

Charlie received a quote for grader fenders. The board is going to look at some other options.

Fahner Asphalt is doing the route and fill on 130th and working their way north. They will finish up this evening or tomorrow morning.

The board discussed road work on 130th Street. They received a quote for a chip seal for \$29,829.

Charlie made a motion to accept the bid for the chip seal on 130th street for \$29,829. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The SSD meetings are next week. The board discussed balances and potential CD opportunities.

Last week Charlie sprayed thistle at all four SSDs and Round Up on the main sand filter. Charlie will continue to spray as needed.

The culverts look good. There are a few trees that are leaning over the road that the township will take care of.

Charlie will order shop lights.

5. ADJOURN

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