



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, November 1, 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, William Malecha, Elaine Trnka

2. APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 4, 2023 MEETING

Ashley read the minutes from the October 4 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 \$352,727.66. This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed.

Elaine shared interest rates on savings accounts and CD options for the township.

Charlie made a motion to put \$250,000 in (5) \$50,000 CDs at the State Bank for 7 months at 5.2 APY. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

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

4. BUSINESS

Dale and Renee have decided to resign their township duties of cleaning and coordinating the town hall rentals.

A resident thanked the board for the brush clean up on Fairfax.

There is a cul-de-sac on Fairwoods Ave that the resident typically plows but he will be gone all winter. Dan ensured that it will get plowed.

The board discussed a ditch of concern on 143rd and Fairbanks. The board will review it and decide the next steps.

Jim Fisher is interested in running township equipment and plowing roads, if needed. He also shared information regarding a recent Cannon River Watershed meeting.

Township equipment drivers now need CDL licenses. All of the Township road equipment operators have their CDL license.

The board discussed salt options for the upcoming snow season.

The board needs to certify the Township road mileage of 34 miles. The board directed Ashley to certify the road mileage at 34 miles, but to also request a map of Township roads.

The board reviewed the Absentee Ballot Voting resolution.

Charlie made a motion to designate Rice County Property Tax and Elections Department as the absentee ballot voting location and as the absentee ballot board. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ashley shared with the board about the recent Northfield Rural Fire Board meeting. The Rural Fire Board is discussing moving to a taxing district and has requested Township's thoughts. There is concern for townships that utilize multiple fire services and how that will impact the levy. Ashley will call the County to determine if there is way to assess just Lonsdale residents for the Lonsdale Fire Contract costs if Northfield moves to a taxing district. Charlie will inquire in Lonsdale and will call Glen and Brian.

5. ADJOURN

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 6:48 pm. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.