



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, April 3, 2024
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 MARCH 20, 2024 REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND THE MARCH 6, 2024 MEETING

Ashley read the minutes from the March 20 Reorganizational meeting.

Charlie made a motion to approve the minutes. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ashley read the minutes from the March 6 meeting.

Bill made a motion to approve the minutes. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lisa Trnka is joining as the new Forest Township treasurer as Elaine is retiring on June 30.

The treasurer's report was presented with a township balance of \$149,170.33. Elaine reviewed receipts received in March. The current Township investments are: \$250,000 for the Township and \$30,000 for the Fox Lake SSD.

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 the crushed rock bids. Kielmeyer provided a quote of \$13.85/ton. The material will be delivered by August 15, 2024. He provided a certificate of liability and will provide a 10% performance bond upon contract execution.

A resident came to the meeting to inquire about road maintenance. The board stated that dust controlling all of Township roads was discussed at the annual meeting but it was turned down for environmental reasons.

Ashley presented a Records Destruction Report.

Bill made a motion to approve the destruction of the stated township records. Charlie seconded the motion all voted in favor and the motion carried.

There are 3 items from Forest Township on the Planning Commission Agenda. A resident has some issues with the variances and argued for preserving the zoning regulations including the setback and building heights regulations. Charlie will bring these concerns to the upcoming Planning Commission meeting.

The SSD Short Term Rental Hearing notices have been mailed, published, and posted.

Charlie discussed the Lonsdale Fire Board. The City of Bloomington was getting rid of a ladder truck for \$50,000. The City of Lonsdale approved the purchase without the Lonsdale Fire Board's approval. Charlie is going to go to an upcoming meeting regarding the Lonsdale Fire Contract.

The board has been getting emails from an anonymous group called the United Township Officers. The board approved Forest Township officers removing themselves from the mailing list.

The last two weekends there were private rentals at the Town Hall. These were the first private renters to use the new lock. The codes, lock, and auto lock mode worked for the guests.

Charlie gave a Joint Powers update. The project in Bridgewater Township has not begun.

Charlie gave an update on the Maple Shores SSD and the main and alternate site property. Charlie is still working on obtaining ownership.

There is a buyer interested in the Township's shoulder disc. The board is interested in selling it. Charlie will work to figure out a price.

Steve Trnka provided a mowing bid for \$75/mile for two mowings in July and September. The total for both mowings is \$5,100 and \$95/hour for any additional mowing. Steve holds his own insurance.

Bill moved to accept Steve's bid. Ron seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bill had a phone call from a resident who was upset about gravel in the ditch on Chester Avenue.

The board reviewed no other gravel bids.

Charlie made a motion to accept Kielmeyer's bid at \$13.85/ton for ¾ crushed rock. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The DNR approved the culvert project. Charlie priced out the culvert and will contact Dan to complete the project.

5. ADJOURN

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