



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, May 1, 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, Lisa Trnka

2. APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 3, 2024 MEETING

Ashley read the minutes from the April 3 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

The treasurer's report was presented with a township balance of \$118,182.89. Elaine reviewed receipts received in April. 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

A 22-acre lot off County Road 1 in Maples Shores was scheduled to close on Tuesday, April 30. Charlie has a surveyor working on the property with the Maple Shores SSD main and alternate site. Once surveyed, Messenbrink said he's going to deed the property over to the Township. The board discussed the needed road maintenance in Maple Shores. The board had been assessing the 22-acre lot as well as the property across the road for SSD maintenance. Charlie will work with the new property owners to determine the intent for the 22-acre property and then the board will work on the road maintenance plan.

Jesse Thomas stopped in to visit the board and provided an update from the Sheriff's Office.

There are some cracks in the new Circle Bluff asphalt. Charlie is getting a bid to repair it.

Charlie reviewed the two items on the Planning Commission Meeting agenda in Forest Township.

The board discussed the SSD Hearing next week as well as the agenda. If approved, it will amend the four SSD ordinances. The amendment will be included at the end of each ordinance as an attachment. Ashley and Charlie will prepare an ordinance for approval at the meeting.

The board discussed graveling the roads in the Township. Ashley has not received the performance bond nor a signed contract from Keilmeyer. Ron will call Cory tomorrow. The board discussed the cost for private gravel deliveries.

Charlie made a motion to increase the private load administrative fee to \$25 per load. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Bryan Flicek's driveway off 140th is not yet complete.

The board reviewed the map for the I35 County Road 9 interchange.

Ashley shared information about an Excel Energy rate increase.

Paul La Flamme, 3030 Circle Bluff Trail, PID: 06.15.1.26.023, has sent in a check to pay off his special assessment amount for the Circle Bluff Road Repair in the amount of \$3,854.52. Year 1 (2024) was assessed through property taxes and the Paul paid off years 2-5 (2025-2028).

Charlie and Ashley will go through all sewer assessments to make sure no one is being missed and no one is being incorrectly assessed.

The board discussed the board's town hall rental cancellation policy. The rental cancellation policy is as follows:

- If the renter cancels prior to 60 days of the rental, \$100 will be refunded.
- If the renter cancels between 30 – 60 days of the rental, \$75 will be refunded.
- If the renter cancels between 0 – 30 days of the rental, there will be no refund.

The culvert is ordered for the Circle Lake access road but has not come in yet.

5. ADJOURN

Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Ron seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.