



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, June 5, 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 MAY 1, 2024 MEETING

Ashley read the minutes from the May 1 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 \$90,613.59. The Township will receive the first installment of property taxes in June. Elaine reviewed receipts received in May. The current Township investments are: \$250,000 for the Township and \$30,000 for the Fox Lake SSD.

The board discussed the Township CDs which are coming due in June.

Charlie made a motion to roll over (4) \$50,000 CDs with accrued interest at a rate of 4.9% APY. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Elaine will cash in one \$50,000 CD with accrued interest into the Road and Bridge fund.

The board discussed the Forest Township State Bank Account. Elaine Trnka will be removed from the State Bank checking account as an authorized signer, Lisa Trnka will be added along with Ashley Anderson, Charles Peters and Ron Gernandt.

The board discussed the Fox Lake SSD CD in the amount of \$30,000.00. Per the June 2023 minutes, Elaine will call Andy from Fox Lake to discuss rates and options for when the CD becomes due.

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 received the performance bond and signed contract from Kielmeyer on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024, well past the 10-day deadline.

Larry Klante from the Circle Lake SSD came to discuss a few items. The next biannual SSD meeting will be in the Summer of 2025. Larry brought forward a few maintenance issues. The items brought forward are not in the maintenance agreement for Advanced Septic. Charlie will talk to Ben from Advanced Septic to discuss options and pricing. Charlie will stay in touch with Larry about when Fahrner Asphalt will be back in case Circle Lake is interested in any road projects. Circle Lake might be interested in a large road project for which they will ask the Township to pay for and assess the property owners over a period. Larry found some noxious weeds in the ditches. Charlie will call Larry when he's getting ready to spray. Charlie will replace a bent stop sign on Culver Ave.

The board discussed washed out roads from the recent heavy rainfall. A resident asked for some gravel in Maple Shores to help fill a hole where gravel was washed away by the rain. Kevin bladed roads and will give the okay for dust control.

Charlie has a bid from Fahrner to route and fill cracks on Circle Bluff Court for \$5,527. The board approved the bid and Charlie will get on their schedule. Charlie recently talked to Ben from Advanced Septic. Ben will mow at the systems.

The shoulder disc did not sell.

Charlie is working on the survey for the Maples Shores SSD site and alternate site. Once completed, Messenbrink will deed it over.

The board discussed potentially purchasing a plow truck.

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

The Minnesota Association of Township's District 4 meeting will be held on Monday, August 19 in Sheildsville.

Ashley received a message from a concerned resident on the corner 130th and Fox Lake Path about pine trees blocking road view. The trees are not in the right of way so the Township cannot trim them. Their only option is to address the concern with the homeowner.

06.15.2.01.001 in Maples Shores sold. During the sale, the property owner paid off the remaining 2024 special assessment directly to the County. The property owner also cut the Township a check for the 2025 special assessment for the Maple Shores SSD in the amount of \$1,500. Ashley received the check. Ashley will email the County to have this property removed from 2025 and onward as this property is not hooked up to the system.

Ashley received an email from a resident asking who maintains Berg Cemetery. Norm Poquett maintains Berg Cemetery.

The Forest Township population estimate for 2023 is 1,364 and 507 households.

This is Elaine's last meeting; she is retiring after 11 years of serving the Township.

Charlie is running for County Commissioner. If elected, he'll start January 1, 2025.

5. ADJOURN

Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm. Ron seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.