



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, August 7, 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, William Malecha, Lisa Trnka

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

Ashley read the minutes from the July 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 \$271,824.18. Lisa reviewed receipts received in August. The current Township investments are: \$206,010.68 for the Township. The Township repurchased the Fox Lake CD on behalf of the Fox Lake SSD. Lisa reviewed the receipts received in July.

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 township finished hauling gravel and put 259 loads of gravel on township roads, which includes 18 private gravel loads. Kilmeyer delivered the gravel on time.

A resident has concerns about road maintenance on Fairbanks Ave/Falls Trail, as well as gravel in the ditch. The board will ask Kilmeyer to bring more gravel to the area in question.

On 143rd St, near the north side of Mazaska Lake, there is a resident's ditch that is filled with gravel. There are a few culverts that are plugged which is pushing gravel onto the resident's property. There is a privately owned ravine that is causing problems. The board will talk to Dan, locate utilities, and talk about taking out a driveway that is causing problems.

Charlie checked into a roller for the grader. It is about \$36,000 for the roller and installation.

Charlie purchased the service contract for the grader.

There are two items on the Planning Commission in Forest Township. The board had no concerns.

Lonsdale had a fire board meeting. 3 of 4 Townships would like the rates to be based off the number of fire calls and the property values. They are hoping that the rates for Forest Township won't go up so steeply in the future. Lonsdale is considering buying a new pumper, either new or used from Northfield.

The Minnesota Association of Townships District 4 meeting is at 7:00 on August 19 at the St. Patrick's Church.

The board discussed some tree removal and trimming in the Township on Baker, 130th/Culver, and Fox Lake Access Road/140th.

The board discussed a spotlight for the flag.

The board discussed the filling of Charlie's seat. Minnesota Association of Township's advised that the board give a temporary appointment to an interested individual to fill the term. When the term is done in 2026, if they are interested in remaining on the town board, they would run for a new 3-year term.

The board discussed the upcoming June 16 FEMA meeting tomorrow at Rice County at 9:00 am. Ashley will attend. The board is looking at approximately \$15,000 - \$25,000 worth of damages.

Ashley and Lisa will check on the paying election judges for the general in 2025 to avoid the \$600.00 threshold of a W-2.

5. ADJOURN

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 pm. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.