



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, September 4, 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 AUGUST 7, 2024 MEETING

Ashley read the minutes from the August 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 \$172,547.33 with Township investments of \$206,010.68. Lisa reviewed receipts received in August. Not all private gravel bids are paid yet.

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 resident thanked the board for the work on Circle Lake Trail and notified the board of garbage on the same road. The board discussed additional road maintenance.

The last two Joint Powers meetings have been cancelled. No development has happened in the district.

A grader operator dug up dirt on the road in Maple Shores years ago. Crane Creek gave the Township a deal on fixing the first part of the road in Maples Shores, up to the SSD site, that the

Township had disturbed. Messenbrink plans to deed over the site and alternate site of the Maple Shores SSD to the Township. The Township is considering taking over the first 350 feet of road to the SSD site, once the property is deeded over to the Township. Charlie is working on the survey and a final plat. The final plat needs to be approved by Planning and Zoning.

Farner Asphalt will be completing crack sealing on Circle Bluff Road this Fall.

Ashley has had a couple of calls on stripping on 130th Street. Charlie received a quote for \$8,000. Charlie is going to get a second quote. The township is not required to paint lines on the roads.

There is a board of adjustment and planning commission meeting tomorrow. The board has no concerns with the items listed in Forest Township. Charlie shared that there is a cat sanctuary in Walcott Township that has a conditional use permit for 150 cats and sanctuary wants to expand. They have applied for amendments to the existing conditional use permit. The board discussed their opinions on the expansion.

Forest Township has been approved for State Disaster Public Assistance by Governor Tim Walz regarding the storms that occurred June 2 – 3, 2024. The June 16 rain event expenses will be reimbursed by FEMA, a federal agency.

The board discussed a rubber roller for the grader.

The Minnesota Association of Township annual conference is on December 13 and 14 in St. Cloud.

The board received a road map from Minnesota DOT for approval and noted the private roads throughout Forest Township. Ashley will share this information with the DOT.

The board discussed hanging trees over the road.

The grader is ready for service as it has 506 hours on it.

5. ADJOURN

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 pm. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.