



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, November 6, 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 OCTOBER 2, 2024 MEETING

Ashley read the minutes from the October 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 \$104,289.23 and with Township investments of \$206,010.68. Lisa reviewed receipts received in October.

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 inquired about a culvert on Garfield Avenue. It doesn't keep up with the water and water backs up into the field.

Charlie made a motion to look at the culvert on Garfield Ave and either replace it or add an additional culvert. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Steve Trnka brought in a driveway permit for signature. There is no need for a check due to there already being a driveway. Dan will meet with Steve to look at the ditch and discuss ditch cleaning. Ashley will email a copy of the permit to Elaine.

Ashley will bring paper for the copier to the next meeting.

Dennis Lubbe came to provide an update on the County Highway Transportation Plan. They are going to do a condensed review and update the plan. They will host an open house at the end of November to gather Township and community input. Notice will be mailed to the Township. A few roads and bridges were discussed. The Rice County Park's Department is under the County Highway Department.

The Lonsdale Fire Board met last week and all the Townships agreed on a service contract. The Township's obligation went down. The board signed the service contract.

Charlie suggests that whoever is on the Fire Board is on both the Northfield and Lonsdale Fire Board.

Charlie is on December Rice County Planning Commission for the final plat for the Maple Shores Sewer District.

Charlie replaced a stop sign on 130th and Culver.

The board discussed adding additional gravel on 130th and Culver Ave.

Charlie provided information about the Board of Adjustment meeting. The Planning Commission is going to eliminate the limited industrial zoning district and merge it with rural industrial. They will also pass standards for short-term rentals. Charlie shared information about retail cannabis registration.

Ashley shared the resolution to delegate authority to Rice County for Cannabis and hemp business retail registration.

Bill made a motion to adopt the resolution delegating retail cannabis registration to Rice County. Charlie second the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ashley shared the resolution designating Rice County as the location for absentee ballot voting for the Township election as well as designating Rice County as the absentee ballot board for the Township election.

Bill made a motion to approve the resolution designating Rice County as the location for absentee ballot voting for the Township election as well as designating Rice County as the absentee ballot board for the Township election. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ashley and Lisa put together all the expenses for the June 16 rain event and submitted them to FEMA for reimbursement.

Charlie made a motion to accept the reimbursement offered by FEMA for the June 16 rain event. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ashley presented a records destruction report.

Charlie made a motion to approve the destruction of the recorded records. Bill seconded the motion. All vote favor and the motion carried.

5. ADJOURN

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 6:34 pm. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.