



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, April 1, 2026
6:00 PM
Monthly Township Meeting Minutes

1. Call the meeting to order

Chairman Ron Gernandt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Members Present: Ron Gernandt, Larry Conrad, Dan Deutsch, Ashley Anderson, Lisa Trnka

2. Approve meeting agenda

Larry made a motion to approve the agenda. Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. Approve previous meeting minutes

Ashley read the minutes from the previous meeting.

Larry made a motion to approve the minutes. Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

4. Approve Reorganization Meeting minutes

Ashley read the minutes from the 2026 Reorganization Meeting.

Larry made a motion to approve the minutes. Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

5. Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was presented with a township balance of \$261,441.01. Lisa provided an overview of the receipts received, as well as the investment balances. The CDs for Fox Lake were redeemed.

Larry made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

6. Public comment period – none.

7. Fire districts

- a. **Lonsdale – no update**
- b. **Northfield – no update**

8. Roads

- a. **Truck** – The board either must go through the state contract or do a formal competitive bidding process.
- b. There are no planned road projects that will impact property owner assessment at this time.
- c. The board discussed the dust control process for 2026.

Dan made a motion to approve the decision to solicit bids for a new truck, approve the preparation of the specs, and authorize the publication of a notice to bidders. Larry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ashley will publish the notice to bidders in the paper once a week for 2 weeks and sealed bids will be due by May 6 at 6:00 PM at the Forest Town Hall.

- d. **Gravel bid** – The Township received one gravel bid from Kielmeyer Construction for \$14.95/ton. Discussion about gravel fines was had.

Larry made a motion to accept the gravel bid at \$14.95 per ton from Kielmeyer Construction. Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ron will provide Kielmeyer a map with areas for attention. Ashley will email Corey the contract for signature. Corey will sign and furnish a 10% performance bond.

9. Subordinate Sewer District updates

- a. **Circle Lake sand filter project** – no update
- b. Yearly lab samples are required for the community septic systems.

10. Siren project update – The siren is hooked up, and the battery is going in shortly. Dan is supporting the county getting access to the siren.

11. Rice County Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission items

- a. **BOA item** – no concerns.

12. Record Destruction Report – The board reviewed the report.

Larry made a motion to approve the provided record destruction report. Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

13. Data Request

Forest Township, along with many other Townships in Minnesota are receiving a public records request from what appears to be a data farming entity in the state of Virginia, gathering data from all governments it can, per the Minnesota Association of Townships.

Larry made a motion to refuse the data request. Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

14. Adjourn

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50. Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.