



**Forest Township**  
Rice County  
3625 Millersburg Boulevard  
Faribault, Minnesota

**Wednesday, June 3, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Monthly Township Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call the meeting to order**

Vice-Chairman Larry called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

**2. Approve meeting agenda**

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

**3. Approve previous meeting minutes**

Ashley read the minutes from the previous meeting.

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

**4. Treasurer's report**

The treasurer's report was presented with a township balance of \$82,981.76. Lisa provided an overview of the receipts received, as well as the investment balances.

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

**5. Public comment period**

- a. Nathan Budin is running unopposed for Sheriff.
- b. The City of Lonsdale is interested in the Township truck, upon receipt of the Township's new truck.

**6. Fire districts**

- a. **Lonsdale** – The Township has not received a bill from Lonsdale for fire dues. Lisa reached out with no response.
- b. **Northfield** – no update

## 7. Roads

- a. **Truck purchase update** – The new truck has been ordered; receipt is a couple of years out.
- b. **Road/gravel update** – Gravel application is complete. If residents apply dust control, they need to notify the township and clearly mark it. The township is not responsible for any dust control costs if the township blades roads that have been dust controlled without proper notification.
- c. **Cyrus Trail** – The Board discussed whether Cyrus Trail could be vacated. Concerns were raised regarding potential housing development along the road and damage caused by construction traffic. It was noted that the developer has not contributed to road repairs. If the road were vacated, access easements would need to be established for affected properties. This process would require updating property abstracts, conducting surveys, coordinating with title companies, and paying associated filing fees. The Board acknowledged that these requirements would result in significant costs and administrative work.
- d. **Grader Fenders** – There is a party interested in purchasing the Township's grader fenders. The Township purchased fenders from Novak Fabricating for \$1,718 in March of 2024 with additional work completed on them.

## 8. Subordinate Sewer District updates

- a. **Circle Lake sand filter project** – not yet complete.
- b. **Circle Lake Estates SSD** – Charlie, Larry, and Ben plan to meet to review the service agreement shortly. Following that meeting, the Township will meet onsite with SSD representatives to discuss next steps. Charlie is continuing to work with the County regarding the operating permit and has compiled a list of potential vendors should a change in service providers become necessary. Some residents have discontinued their landline service, affecting alarm functionality. Residents have requested that no additional invoices be paid until a solution is identified. The Board reiterated that any expenses outside of approved vendor agreements must receive Board approval before payment. Residents expressed frustration with both the pace of identifying a solution and the lack of clear accountability throughout the process. They also requested future individual quarterly reporting on the status and performance of each individual home. Residents questioned potential recourse for work that was paid for but not believed to be completed.

## 9. Rice County Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission items

- a. **PC item** – The board was aware and discussed the impact of hauling.

## 10. Adjourn

*Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52. Larry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*