



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

Wednesday, August 5, 2026
6:00 PM
Monthly Township Meeting Minutes

1. Call the meeting to order

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

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

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. Recognize Ron Gernandt's service

The Town Board recognized Ron Gernandt for his 45 years of service in the Township.

4. Approve previous meeting minutes

Ashley read the minutes from the previous meeting.

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

5. Approve 7.21.26 special meeting minutes

Ashley read the minutes from the 7.21.26 special meeting.

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

6. Approve 8.4.26 ALL SSD meeting minutes

Ashley read the minutes from the 8.4.26 All SSD meeting.

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

7. Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was presented with a township balance of \$221,091.35 Lisa provided an overview of the receipts received, as well as the investment balances.

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

8. Public comment period

- a. The Governor's Pheasant Opener dedication will occur on October 9 in Forest Township. They would like to utilize the Town hall and shop. Dan will let in the organizers to tour the property.

9. Fire districts

- a. **Lonsdale** – Charlie gave an update on equipment and staffing. A 3-tier system for fire charges between \$500 - \$1,000/call has been proposed. There is one person in Forest Township who has not paid their fire bill in 2026.
- b. **Northfield** – Larry gave an update on Northfield regarding board positions and firefighter pensions.

10. Roads

- a. **Fencing on Township roads** – The board discussed right of way and fencing in Township ditches in the right of way. The board discussed sending letters or stopping to talk to owners about the Township right of way.
- b. **Fairfax Court** – There are draining issues that are causing water issues on some driveways. Dan will bring in gravel and try to solve the draining issues. A resident proposed steps homeowners can do to help to slow the water.

11. Equipment

- a. Truck is ordered with an estimated delivery of January of 2027 with plow equipment scheduled to be installed in November 2027.

12. Subordinate Sewer District updates

- a. **Advanced Septic invoices** – The Township has received \$30,819.90 in bills from Advanced Septic for quarterly maintenance and the Circle Lake sand filter.

Al made a motion to pay the quarterly invoices, less the spraying, unless Advanced Septic can provide evidence spraying occurred. Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Al made a motion to pay Advanced Septic for Circle Lake for the Sand filter project, upon a favorable inspection from Septic Check. Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

- b. **Acceptance of Septic Check bid**

Al made a motion to accept the Septic Check bid, pending the addition of terms of payment, proof of insurance, and the addition of a labor rate. Dan seconded the motion in favor and the motion carried.

The township will host a Circle Lake and Circle Lake Estates SSD meeting on either September 16th or 23rd with Circle Lake at 5:30 pm and Circle Lake Estates at 7:00 pm.

13. Rice County Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission - no items

14. Notice of Circle Lake Improvement District's Annual Meeting on August 17 at 7:00 PM.

15. Website Updates – The website went through some maintenance last month, including the addition of a subscription feature for Township posts. The website theme needs to be updated, and Ashley has received a quote for the work.

Al made a motion to approve the quote for the website updates. Larry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

16. Other

- a. The County is doing a survey on the Trail Plan and is encouraging residents to complete it.

17. Adjourn

Al made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00. Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.