

TOWN OF FOREST

BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Town of Forest Town Hall

- I. Call of Order
 - a. Davison called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Davison, Schiller, Rechlicz, Johnson, Obert and Teed were all present
 - b. As well as Dena Eakles, Jim Rynes, Neilan Petersen, Matheu Defliger
- III. Affirmation of Proper Public Notice
 - a. Davison affirmed the meeting notice was properly posted
- IV. Public Input
 - a. Dena Eakles brought information about Dark Sky Initiative and asked for board support
 - b. Matheu Defliger asked for information about trash service. Southwest Sanitation
 - c. Jim Rynes asked about if dates were set for Fall Clean up days and thought a metal bin would be a good idea to sell for scrap.
 - d. Doris Skemp has a bunch of money left from last year's picnic and wondered if there is going to be a picnic this fall.
- V. Minutes of July 2021 Meeting
 - a. Read by Obert. Schiller made a motion to approve the July 2021 Minutes, 2nd by Rechlicz. Motion Carried
- VI. Financial Report for July 2021
 - a. Read by Johnson with an ending balance of \$144,659.97 as of July 31, 2021. Rechlicz made a motion to approve the July 2021 Financial Report, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
- VII. Other Reports
 - a. Town Patrolman Report
 - i. Worked on ditch on Pine Ave by Johnson's will complete when road is cooler so it won't be torn up.
 - ii. Talked with Bill Krueger on putting in a culvert on the gravel pit driveway, he is planning to blast a Retention pond in the Krueger quarry to alleviate washing of Bugbee Hollow
 - iii. Put a load of breaker run in water hole on Wheeler Road
 - iv. Ordered Culverts for Burr Salem and Town Hall Road
 - v. Fixed washout from the storms
 - vi. Cut Multiple trees and branches off the roads
 - vii. Moved V-plow and metal from behind the shop
 - viii. Cleaned up all the brush and got water to run away from building
 - ix. Helped move old propane tank and set new one
 - x. Meyer Oil changed LP Regulators
 - xi. Formed and Poured Fuel Tank Pads
 - xii. Ran new Conduit and Electrical for Fuel Tank, Added Lights by Fuel Tanks
 - xiii. Need to Finish rewiring Lights in Salt Shed
 - xiv. Worked on Trip and FEMA Paperwork
 - b. Review of Submitted Building Site Permits
 - i. Mervin Miller for a Chicken Barn
 - ii. Tabor Bar & Grill to add walk in cooler
 - iii. Schiller made a motion to approve the Building Site Permit, 2nd by Rechlicz. Motion Carried
 - c. Ambulance Report
 - i. Met on 7/22/21
 - ii. On August 3rd there will be children's program at the Vernon County Fairgrounds, the EMT's and the Police Department will be attending.

- iii. Scholarship program for EMR's & EMT's was discussed.
 - d. Fire Association Report
 - i. Met on 7/28/21
 - ii. Fire Dept bought a new (used) ladder truck with a 65' reach. They would like \$59k for new Jaws of Life
 - iii. Obtaining a new computer for the Fire Dept.
 - e. Recycle Center Report
 - i. Mark called and emailed Southwest Sanitation about a new dumpster and hasn't received a response.
 - ii. Vernon county did not pick up recyclables for 3 weeks
 - iii. A new lock was put on the recycle center and it is unknown who put the new lock on.
 - iv. Jim was presented with an award for outstanding recycling
 - f. Chairman Report
 - i. Bill Tim and Mark went to Viroqua for meeting WTA Quarterly Meeting
 - ii. Excited to learn about the ARPA
 - 1. Be patient, it is unknown on how the funds can be spent.
 - 2. Put money in a savings account
 - 3. There will be a financial report due
 - iii. Loran Oldenburg and Brad Pfaff were there and gave speeches
 - 1. There will be a middle class tax relief
 - 2. There will be transportation funding
 - a. Similar to the Trip Funding project
 - b. 2% increase in general transportation aids in both 2022 and 2023
 - 3. Talked about Investment in Broadband coverage
 - 4. Increase County Forest Acreage Payment
 - 5. Working on redoing Farmland Preservation Incentives
 - 6. Private onsite wastewater treatment grant program extension

VIII. Business

- a. Profit and Loss Review
 - i. Reports were reviewed by the board. Rechlicz made a motion to approve the July 2021 P&L, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
- b. Approve Invoices
 - i. Schiller made a motion to approve the submitted invoices for payment, 2nd by Rechlicz. Motion Carried
- c. Discussion and Possible Action on Hillsboro Ambulance EMT's Scholarship
 - i. It has been noted that the EMT's are getting burned out about being on call so often
 - ii. There are citizens interested in becoming EMT's or EMR's but can't afford the training fees
 - iii. The Ambulance Association Board is looking for \$350 from each municipality.
 - iv. Tabled at this time
- d. Discussion and Possible Action on Updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan
 - i. Talked to Gene and he has one person dedicated
- e. Discussion and Possible Action on Road Damage on North Fork Road
 - i. No action at this time.
- f. Discussion and possible Action on ARPA grants
 - i. Patience Patience Patience
- g. Discussion and Possible Action on Driveway Permits and Building Permits
 - i. A motion was made to reconsider denying Driveway permit due to location by Rechlicz, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
 - ii. Rechlicz made a motion to approve a relocation of driveway permit on Eastman Drive, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
- h. Updating the Town's website
 - i. Needs to stay updated with Minutes and agendas

- ii. The Building Site Permit Application and the Driveway Permit need a tab on the Website
- IX. Announcements
 - a. LRI Web Seminar on Wednesday at 10:00
 - b. Todd and Mark almost have the TRIP Project Ready to go. Need to find ad for machine hire
 - c. Large FEMA Project is complete and once Scott check clears the bank then that documentation will be submitted for reimbursement
- X. Confirm next Board Meeting
 - a. Scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Forest Town Hall
- XI. Adjournment
 - a. Schiller made a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm, 2nd by Rechlicz. Motion Carried.