

TOWN OF FOREST BOARD MEETING

Located at the Forest Town Hall E15784 State Hwy. 33

Monday, November 8, 2021, at 6:00 PM at the 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 present
 - b. Citizens in Attendance were George Jordan and Jim Rynes
- III. Affirmation of Proper Public Notice
 - a. Davison affirmed the meeting was properly posted.
- IV. Public Input
 - a. none
- V. Minutes of October 2021 Meeting
 - a. Read by Obert. Schiller made a motion to approve the October 2021 meeting minutes, 2nd by Rechlicz. Motion Carried
- VI. Financial Report for October 2021
 - a. Checking Account balance of \$57,409.83, Savings Account balance of \$32,968.00. Rechlicz made a motion to approve the financial report, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
- VII. Other Reports
 - a. Town Patrolman Report
 - i. Submitted WISLR and Road Maintenance Reports
 - ii. Dug soft spot up on top of Bugbee, put in breaker run and new gravel. Fixed Blum's.
 - iii. Sealed the Bridge Deck Cracks with Tar and chips
 - iv. Graded Town Hall Road
 - v. Filled in Ditch along Bugbee from Pit to across from Linda Krueger's driveway
 - vi. Looked at 310SL John Deere backhoe from Brooks
 - vii. Completed Projects on Town Hall and Harris which included cleaning out the ditch by the round barn, Nikhanj's culvert, and the slide on the hill on Harris. Rip Rap along ditch at the top of Town Hall and first culvert down. Cleaned out debris out of water ways on Jim Fanta's
 - viii. Helped Mark with multiple fire #'s
 - ix. Fixed washout by road on Eureka
 - x. Shaped up Ditch and Bank on Pine Ave by F
 - xi. Cleaned out the Ditch on Short Drive
 - xii. Met with Andrew from CAT about Backhoe
 - xiii. Cut Road Shoulder on Fish Hollow so water runs off road
 - xiv. Put a Hand Wash sink in Shop
 - xv. Finish Shelving Project in Ship and got all hardware sorted and put away
 - xvi. Pulled Hydraulic Reservoir out of the Backhoe and patched the leak
 - xvii. Fixed the leaking fitting on the 2001 Truck Hydraulic reservoir, replaced leaking wing hose, tightened cylinder, and caps on wing cylinders
 - xviii. Patched holes on Burr Salem, Valley Ave and Sawdust.
 - xix. Took 1 load of gravel and fixed Gabbey's driveway on Valley Ave
 - xx. Built new cover for sander on 2006 Truck
 - b. Review of Submitted Building Site Permits and Driveway Permits
 - i. Lambright for a new deck. Rechlicz made a motion to approve the submitted building site permit, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
 - c. Ambulance Report
 - i. Met October 20, 2021.

1. Hospital is asking for more transfers.
 2. Hotek wrote a grant for 6 pagers and received confirmation that it was approved for \$3,000 through Compeer.
 3. February 2021 motion for Donation allocation amended.
 4. April 2019 motion was amended for WEMSA for EMT's or First Responders expense reimbursement
 5. 12 Jackets at a cost of \$6000 to be purchased with 2022 funds
 6. Savings account will be set up for Scholarship Funds
 7. Next meeting will be December 15, 2021, at 6:00 pm
- d. Fire Association Report
- i. Hillsboro 10/27 – new computer up and running. Looking at insurance options to decrease the premiums. Ladder truck is not up and running yet, waiting on lettering and jaws of life.
 - ii. Ontario – Rope training for Wild cat rescues, looking at battery powered Jaws of Life. Got a DNR grant for wild land boots and pager. Officer election results are Jack Bolden President and Bill Schiller Vice President.
- e. Recycle Center Report
- i. Jim Rynes - The new dumpsters are higher and are harder to get large heavy barrels into.
- f. Chairman Report
- i. WTA and learned about ARPA, patient...if bill has passed, lost revenue will be most likely fund use.
 - ii. Legislatures presented about broadband, and asked for Towns to Support Town Advocacy Council
 - iii. Went to County Board Meeting to learn about Redistricting, it was debated for an hour and a half and the final districting has 19 districts
 - iv. Trees are for sale through the Vernon County Land and Water Conservation
 - v. We were awarded a \$70,000 Grant for the property in Miller Property in Valley, that money then needs to be forwarded to Vernon County
 - vi. 2 fire numbers were deleted
 - vii. Email was received from FEMA and about \$39,000 Should be coming

VIII. Business

- a. Profit and Loss Review
 - i. Reports were reviewed by board. Schiller made a motion to approve the October P&L, 2nd by Rechlicz. Motion Carried
- b. Approve Invoices
 - i. Obert read payments and Rechlicz made a motion to approve those invoices for payment, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
- c. Discussion and Possible Action on Rural Mutual Insurance update
 - i. Postponed until December Meeting.
- d. Discussion and Possible Action on Christmas and New Years at the Recycling Center
 - i. Motion made by Rechlicz to open the Recycle Center from 10am to 3pm on December 28th, and be closed on December 25th and January 1st, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
- e. Discussion and Possible Action on Wages and Benefits for Employees
 - i. No action
- f. Discussion and Possible Action on Replacing the Backhoe
 - i. All bids include Trade-in of old piece of equipment
 - ii. John Deere \$100,950
 - iii. Cat \$112,000
 - iv. Case \$122,000
 - v. Rechlicz made a motion to Approve purchase John Deere 310SL from Brooks Equipment, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
- g. Discussion and Possible Action on Hiring a Building Inspector

- i. Building inspection information and contract received from Mike Reuter
 - ii. Schiller made a motion to contract with Mike Reuter, 2nd by Rechlicz. Motion Carried
 - h. Discussion and Possible Action on Hiring a Tree Cutting Assistant
 - i. No action.
 - i. Discussion and Possible Action on The Driftless Humane Society Agreement
 - i. No action.
 - j. Discussion and Possible Action on Snow Plowing on Oak Lane
 - i. Tim will call Catherine Skinner and talk to her about putting a pad to turn around at the end of the town road. Tabled for now.
 - k. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2022 Budget
 - i. Rechlicz approve proposed budget, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
 - ii. Public Hearing Set for Monday, November 29, 2021, at 6:00 PM
- IX. Announcements
- X. Confirm next Board Meeting
 - a. Scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:00 PM at the Forest Town Hall
- XI. Adjournment
 - a. Rechlicz made a motion to adjourn at 9:00pm, 2nd Schiller. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Obert, Clerk