

TOWN OF FOREST BOARD MEETING

Located at the Forest Town Hall E15784 State Hwy. 33 Hillsboro, WI

Monday February 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM

- I. Call of Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order by Davison at 6:00 pm
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present were Schiller, Davison, Rechlicz, Johnson, Obert and Teed
 - b. Citizens in Attendance: Paul Wilson, George Wilbur and Jim Rynes
- III. Affirmation of Proper Public Notice
 - a. Davison Affirmed the Meeting was properly posted
- IV. Public Input
 - a. Paul Wilson introduced himself and stated that he is running for the District 16 County Board Supervisors Seat.
- V. Minutes of the January 2022 Meeting
 - a. Read by Obert. Rechlicz made a motion to approve the January 2022 Minutes, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
- VI. Financial Report for January 2022
 - a. Read by Johnson with an ending balance in the checking account of \$437,096.45 and the savings account balance of \$32,970.49. FEMA Line of Credit Balance is \$210,321.16, and the Town Hall Loan Balance is \$58,014.44. Schiller made a motion to approve the January 2022 Financial Report, 2nd by Rechlicz. Motion Carried
- VII. Other Reports
 - a. Town Patrolman Report
 - i. Plowed and sanded roads
 - ii. Replaced the last old brake caliper on 200 pick up
 - iii. Replaced 2 wing hoses on 2006 truck
 - iv. Helped load garbage at recycling center after the holidays
 - v. Rebuilt the tailgate sander so it's ready for patching
 - vi. Fixed lights and straightened sheet metal on 2001 sander
 - vii. Put new LID lights on front of 2001 truck
 - viii. Used grader to wing back drifted areas
 - ix. Burned some of the brush piles from tree cutting.
 - b. Review of Submitted Building Site Permits and Driveway Permits
 - i. Building Site Permit Application Received from
 1. Beck Farms for a Pole Shed
 2. Steven Miller for a house
 3. Kurtis and Valerie Oberholtzer for a house
 - ii. Rechlicz made a motion to approve the Building Site Permit Applications, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
 - c. Ambulance Report
 - i. Met on Jan 19th, Kristi McCoic attended the meeting and discussed options for the urgent need to EMT's to assist with hospital transfers
 - ii. With scholarship funds 1 individual has completed the schooling and passed the test and a 2nd person has completed the schooling and is planning to take the EMT Test. There are 9 EMT's will be taking their 4 day refresher courses between Jan 29th Feb 6th.
 - iii. A grant was received from Compeer Financial for \$3000, 6 new pages were ordered with that grant money with a \$370 remaining to spend on similar needs.
 - iv. A \$2,500 donation was received from Hillsboro Equipment for the EMT's
 - v. Next meeting 2/16/2022
 - d. Fire Association Report

- i. Met Jan 26th
 - ii. New insurance with VFIS will save HAFA \$8000 per year
 - iii. Phil Stittleburg gave information about the retirement plan for volunteer firefighters
 - iv. The new ladder truck is not in use yet but is looking very nice.
 - e. Recycle Center Report
 - i. People are asking about Spring Clean Up days
 - ii. Flyer for Recyclables may be helpful.
 - iii. New Dumpster is installed
 - iv. Annual Spring Attendants Appreciation Lunch. Sunday March 27th at the Vernon County Landfill.
 - f. Chairman Report
 - i. Went to WI Town Assn Meeting with Tim and Bill
 - 1. Some topics that were discussed were broadband, well grants, BIL grant, ARPA and Stacie Sanborn talked about the Landfill
 - ii. Helped Todd plow a couple times
- VIII. Business
- a. Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution to Apply to The Municipal Flood Control Program and enter in a Cooperative Agreement.
 - i. The 2 Properties in Valley that applied for a buyout for their homes has a remaining 12.5% that could be covered with a DNR grant. Schiller made a motion to move forward with having Amy Holte apply for that grant to cover the 12.5% with Resolution 22-02, 2nd by Rechlicz. Motion Carried
 - b. Discussion and Possible Action on American Rescue Plan Act
 - i. Money can be used for the Backhoe but not until October 2022
 - c. Discussion and Possible Action on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
 - i. Funds are available for Road Projects. Most Projects have to be Engineered and have a plan and estimate of the cost. The projects
 - 1. Cemetery
 - 2. West End of Burr Salem from Town of Whitestown to Scratch
 - ii. Rechlicz made a motion to apply for the BIL for FFY 2022, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
 - d. Discussion and Possible Action on Wisconsin Towns Association District Meetings
 - i. BOR training must be attended every year. Planning to attend on Saturday, March 12th Register.
 - e. Discussion and Possible Action on Computer Security Contracts
 - i. Options for Security contracts were presented. Rechlicz made a motion to contract with 411IT Group in their all inclusive security package for the Clerk and Treasurer's computers at a cost of \$1404 per computer, per year, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
 - f. Profit and Loss Review
 - i. Reports were reviewed by the board. Schiller made a motion to approve the P&L for January 2022, 2nd by Rechlicz. Motion Carried
 - g. Approve Invoices
 - i. Read by Obert. Rechlicz made a motion to approve the submitted invoices for payment, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried
- IX. Announcements
- a. Diggers Hotline Safety Meeting : 7:00, am. Tuesday, March 15, 2022
 - b. Attendance Lunch at County Landfill.
- X. Confirm next Board Meeting
- a. Scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Forest Town Hall
- XI. Adjournment
- a. Rechlicz made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm, 2nd by Schiller. Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted by

Heidi Obert, Clerk