

Town of Forest Minutes of March 11, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Forest Town Board was held on Monday, March 11, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Kraus at 8:00 p.m. Members Present were Supervisors Tom Loehr and Pete Brenner, Treasurer Lori Kraus and Clerk Sarah Loehr.

Chairman Gary Kraus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Loehr moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 meeting. Pete Brenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Surveyor David Jacob was present representing Robert & Bernadette Koenen. They are selling apportion of land, which has been parceled off. The home remains on it's own parcel and will stay Farmland Preservation as it has been grandfathered in. No soil testing has been done on Lot 1, it must be rezoned and tested before a new home can be built. Tom Loehr moved to approve the Certified Survey Map for Robert and Bernadette Koenen. Pete Brenner seconded the motion, motion passed.

Gary Kraus presented some information that had been forwarded to him from the Town's Insurance Agent, Bob Benike. There is information regarding inflation guard and increasing coverage. Bob will be present at the April meeting to discuss any changes to our policy.

Gabe's Tree Service was hired to trim trees along town road ROW. Gary Kraus will be cited for cutting on private land without gaining permission from the owner, he will be taking care of that citation privately.

The Town has had a few complaints of lawn and grass damage from snowplowing during the winter. The board and town employees will be checking out damage and doing what can be done to make repairs.

There have been concerns of the speed limit being too high on Poplar Road with increased traffic after the Hwy 23 construction. It is currently at 55mph, some would like to see it at 45mph. Pete Brenner moved to table the speed limit changes until Fall 2025, after the bridge has been constructed. Tom Loehr seconded the motion, motion passed.

Discussion from the floor: Lori Kraus attended the WTA Unit Meeting for Fond du Lac County on March 7. A few highlights: voters encouraged to vote on the referendum on the April ballot; NEBAT donating \$300,000 for fairgrounds grandstand updates; tax refunds from county were distributed to towns; UW-FDL campus will be closing, would like to see the NRCS office move to the campus location, keep the gym open, lease dorms for tournaments; Sheriff's Department is hoping to hire more deputies; ARIP is funding available to improve town roads, but they must already be posted with weight limit and would require being improved to county road quality; farmland preservation expires end of 2024; and Town of Forest will be hosting the June 6 Unit

meeting, we will be requesting donations to provide a full meal for attendees. Sarah Loehr provided updates from a Walnut Road Bridge meeting, mostly just the different agencies involved making sure all the boxes were checked off at this time. The Town's Annual Meeting will be held on April 16, 2024 at 8pm.

Pete Brenner moved to pay the bills. Tom Loehr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bills paid as follows on March 11, 2024:

DISBURSEMENTS

Waste Management	curbside PU	\$6,889.00	10195
Alliant Energy	town hall electric	\$93.18	10196
Baumhardt Sand & Gravel Inc	66.60 treated sand @34.00	\$2,264.40	10197
Fond du Lac County Hwy Dept	Oshkosh Wingblade	\$241.11	10198
Dotyville Appliance and Hardware	supplies	\$49.88	10199
Gabe's Top It or Drop It Tree Service	4 days tree trimming	\$24,000.00	10200
KSI Inc	town shop overhead door	\$13,250.00	10201
Web-Pro LP Gas Inc	429.3 gal @1.649	\$707.92	10202
Gary Thimmig	snowplow repairs/labor	\$802.50	10203
Gary Thimmig	wages	\$298.81	10204
Randy Roehl	wages	\$92.35	10205
Randy Loehr	wages	\$717.24	10206
Pete Brenner	Supervisor salary and wages	\$2,191.00	10207
Tom Loehr	Supervisor salary	\$2,179.46	10208
Ann Kiehna	Constable Salary and expenses	\$671.75	10209
Gary Kraus	Chairman Salary and Expenses	\$2,999.15	10210
Lori Kraus	1/4 Treasurer Salary and Expenses	\$2,519.86	10211
Sarah Loehr	1/4 Clerk Salary and Expenses	\$4,526.01	10212
Lori Kraus	WTA meetings	\$195.00	10213
US Treasury	employment taxes	\$775.36	ACH

TOTAL \$65,463.98

RECEIPTS

BugTussel	tower lease	\$474.94	62294
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Fond du Lac County	dog license share/county, no bites	\$544.20	422433
David Yungwirth	electrical permit, generator	\$75.00	6242
Compass Surveying	Gau Rezoning Fee	\$300.00	13147
Schmitt Title	Evraets to Diederich	\$20.00	5090
FDL County	Tax Refund	\$17,879.00	423899
Brice & Dakota Hau	DL	\$15.00	3002
Greg Blatz	DL	\$10.00	1225
Kenneth & Amy Evraets	DL	\$10.00	2710
Paul & Christina Lueck	DL	\$5.00	2242
Kyle & Bonnie Meyer	DL	\$15.00	1418

Dustin & Heather Butzke	DL	\$25.00	1960
Ben & April Proeber	DL	\$20.00	1873
Doug & Ann Brusky	DL	\$10.00	3170
Ben & Samantha Immel	DL	\$20.00	834
Michael & Jennifer Sabel	DL	\$5.00	1266
Julie Schneider	DL	\$5.00	1073
Matt & Amy Schommer	DL	\$10.00	5356
Doc & Cheryl Leonard	DL	\$5.00	7951
Robert Immel	DL	\$5.00	1978
BankFirst	Money Market Interest	\$501.76	ACH

TOTAL	\$20,429.84
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Cash on Balance	\$ 235,519.95
General Fund	\$ 95,787.35
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 140,441.10
Bank Accounts – Other	\$ -708.50
TOTAL	\$ 235,519.95

Previous Month Balance in Capital Projects	\$ 138,989.46
BugTussel – Lease (two deposits)	+ 949.88
Bank First – Interest	+ 501.76
Total for March 31, 2024	\$ 140,441.10
Included in Total Capital Projects Amount	
Capital Projects – Bridge Fund	\$ 10,000.00
ARPA Funds	\$ 32,487.85

Next meeting Monday, April 8, 2024 @ 8:00 p.m.

There was no further business; Tom Loehr moved to adjourn the meeting. Pete Brenner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Loehr
Town Clerk

Gary H. Kraus/Chairman

Thomas Loehr/ Supervisor

Peter Brenner/ Supervisor