

Town of Forest Minutes of November 11, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Forest Town Board was held on Monday, November 11, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Kraus at 8:00p.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 October 14, 2024 meeting. Pete Brenner seconded the motion, motion carried.

Tracy Qualman was present representing Envision Greater Fond du Lac, which is the County Chamber of Commerce. She introduced herself and Envision and mentioned a few things that they can do to support businesses in the county. She left materials with the board for further information.

Representatives from the Mt. Calvary Fire Department were present to share the renewal fire contract for 2025 through 2027. Pete Brenner moved to approve the contract with a 2% increase for each of the three contracted years. Tom Loehr seconded the motion, motion passed.

Representatives from Waste Management and Harter's Lakeside Disposal were present to answer questions regarding each of their contracts. Each board member voted on paper, 2 votes for Harter's, 1 vote for WM. Tom Loehr moved to contract with Harter's Lakeside Disposal for the contracted years of 2025 through 2029. Pete Brenner seconded the motion, motion passed. The last Waste Management pickup and the first Harter's pickup will both be on Saturday, January 4 due to the holiday.

The Walnut Road bridge had been scheduled for summer of 2028 construction, but due to it's deterioration, the county has asked if it can be moved up to Fall 2025 or Spring 2026. Pete Brenner moved to approve moving up the construction of the bridge and hiring The Highland Group for any real estate acquisition. Tom Loehr seconded the motion, motion passed.

In discussion from the floor: due to the abundance of old records, we will check with WTA lawyers on how long various records need to be kept on file. We have two racks of almost brand-new chairs that have not been used, is there any interest in selling them? We will look into some options. Sarah had been contacted about compost and lawn waste disposal in the town-we do not have anything for that. Regarding the Log Tavern Road culvert: it will be put in by Jason Guelig. He will charge Jeff Mueller for his portion on his land, and will bill the town in two portions. The town will look into an easement to Jeff for the tile to go under the road and for Neumanns for the water coming through their yard.

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

DISBURSEMENTS

Weber Oil Co	412.3 gal DF @ 2.746	\$1,259.58	10330
Bowmar Appraisal	Assessment Services 4th Qtr	\$2,050.00	10331
Alliant Energy	town hall electric	\$63.97	10332
Dempsey Law	FP Certification	\$598.00	10333
Baumhardt Sand and Gravel	cold mix and shouldering	\$3,513.03	10334
Weyers Equipment	machette blades for mower	\$301.93	10335
Waste Management	curbside PU	\$6,889.00	10336
FDL County	MFL Payment	\$12.35	10337
Lori Kraus	DL payment & bulky waste	\$141.56	10338
Gary Thimmig	labor on tractor	\$560.00	10339
Nick Wagner	wages	\$136.93	10340
Randy Loehr	wages and Drexel (posts)	\$1,308.45	10341
Mary Bowe	Election worker wages	\$127.50	10342
Jeanne Floyd	Election worker wages	\$170.46	10343
Ellen Loehr	Election worker wages	\$135.00	10344
Kari Cox Gempeler	Election worker wages	\$213.42	10345
Marlene Roltgen	Election worker wages	\$355.92	10346
Ingrid Braun	Election worker wages	\$112.50	10347
Cathy Flood	Election worker wages	\$112.50	10348
US Treasury	employment taxes-Oct	\$130.82	ACH
US Treasury	employment taxes-Nov	\$199.66	ACH

TOTAL \$18,392.58

RECEIPTS

Town of Forest	Voided check	\$110.00	10215
BankFirst	Money Market Interest	\$470.57	ACH
State of Wisconsin	Shared Revenue	\$59,639.23	ACH

TOTAL \$60,119.80

Cash on Balance	\$ 274,489.33
General Fund	\$ 126,442.73
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 148,046.60
Bank Accounts – Other	\$ -1770.34
TOTAL	\$ 272,718.99

Previous Month Balance in Capital Projects	\$ 147,576.03
BugTussel – Lease (no deposit in November)	+
Bank First – Interest	+ 470.57
Total for November 30, 2024	\$ 148,046.60
Included in Total Capital Projects Amount	
Capital Projects – Bridge Fund	\$ 10,000.00
ARPA Funds	\$ 32,487.85

Next meeting Monday, December 9, 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 9:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Loehr
Town Clerk

Gary H. Kraus/Chairman

Thomas Loehr/ Supervisor

Peter Brenner/ Supervisor