

Town of Forest Minutes of October 14, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Forest Town Board was held on Monday, October 14, 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 September 9, 2024 meeting. Pete Brenner seconded the motion, motion carried.

In order to update and recertify the Farmland Preservation Ordinance, the Town was required to rezone two small portions of property on parcels that had been listed with multi zoning. For the Dotyville Hunting and Fishing Club, Pete Brenner moved to rezone .81 acres in parcel T10-15-19-19-16-013-00 from Farmland Preservation to Business to match the remaining land in the parcel. Tom Loehr seconded the motion, motion passed. For Dustin and Josie Birschbach, Tom Loehr moved to rezone .533 acres in parcel T10-15-19-11-07-012-00 from Farmland Preservation to Residential. Pete Brenner seconded the motion, motion passed.

A representative of Harter's Lakeside Disposal was present to discuss a new contract for the Town of Forest. After discussion and comparison to the Waste Management contract, it was decided to table the matter for the November meeting. There will be information regarding each proposal posted on Election Day November 5, so residents have a chance to give their input before the board votes on a new contract.

The annual Town of Forest Budget meeting has been set for Monday, November 25, 2024 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

Clerk Sarah Loehr has posted times for Early In Person Absentee Voting at the Town Hall. They are: October 24, 6pm to 7pm; October 30, 6pm to 7pm; and November 2, 9am to 10am. Absentee ballots can also be requested at myvote.wi.gov.

Clerk Sarah Loehr requested to approve an additional poll worker for the upcoming Election. Tom Loehr moved to approve Kari Gempeler to the poll worker list. Pete Brenner seconded the motion, motion passed.

In discussion from the floor: Clerk Sarah Loehr had a meeting with JT Engineering regarding the Division Road Bridge scheduled for replacement in 2027. The engineer and DOT had questions about including beam guard at the Town's expense. The Town declined the additional beam guard since it is not part of the bridge at this time. The Town now has bins for electronics recycling. They are stored indoors but will be available for drop off for one hour before every town board meeting and on Bulky Waste days in May and October. Roads to have work done in future were also discussed.

Pete Brenner moved to pay the bills. Tom Loehr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bills paid as follows on October 14, 2024:

DISBURSEMENTS

Jason Zellner	Electrical Inspection, 7 Hills Rd	\$65.00	10309
Riesterer & Schnell	mower tractor	\$6,230.60	10310
Baumhardt Sand & Gravel	Culverts and Recycled Blacktop	\$33,373.00	10311
Dempsey Law	FP Certification	\$156.00	10312
Gannet WI Local IQ	public notices	\$202.26	10313
Waste Management	curbside pickup	\$6,889.00	10314
Alliant Energy	town hall electric	\$73.43	10315
RMIC	1/2 Business owners and WC	\$3,772.00	10316
Transcendent Technologies	Annual Software Maintenance	\$906.00	10317
CNA Surety	Treasurer's Bond	\$100.00	10318
K-Boss Farms	164 gal DF @ 2.85/gal	\$467.40	10319
Sarah Loehr	Expenses: postage, training, ink	\$599.90	10320
Nick Wagner	wages and mower fuel	\$113.00	10321
Randy Loehr	wages and mileage	\$764.35	10322
Northeast Asphalt	Hillview Rd, Maple Lane	\$74,508.28	10323
A.C Leonard	Inspection Services	\$200.00	10324
Rich & Jeanne Floyd	Security Deposit Returned	\$500.00	10325
Mark Baker	Security Deposit Returned	\$500.00	10326
Jared Lindsley	Security Deposit Returned	\$500.00	10327
John Neumann	Security Deposit Returned	\$500.00	10328
Brian and Terah Bowe	Security Deposit Returned	\$500.00	10329
US Treasury	employment taxes	\$962.00	ACH

TOTAL \$131,882.22

RECEIPTS

Atom Electric	Electrical permit, Birschbach-Field	\$75.00	169
RMIC	Audit Refund	\$15.00	391230
State of WI	Transportation Aid	\$34,058.82	ACH
Steve Zerger	building permit	\$75.00	5139
CD Smith	Sargento Building permit/Commercial	\$500.00	206746
FDL County		\$100.00	433077
Guaranty Closing and Title	title search	\$20.00	075489
BankFirst	Money Market Interest	583.08	ACH

TOTAL \$35,426.90

Cash on Balance	\$ 232,762.11
General Fund	\$ 85,186.08
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 147,576.03
Bank Accounts – Other	\$ -1770.34
TOTAL	\$ 230,991.77

Previous Month Balance in Capital Projects	\$ 146,992.95
BugTussel – Lease (no deposit in October)	+
Bank First – Interest	+ 583.08
Total for October 31, 2024	\$ 147,576.03
Included in Total Capital Projects Amount	
Capital Projects – Bridge Fund	\$ 10,000.00
ARPA Funds	\$ 32,487.85

Next meeting Monday, November 11, 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 9:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Loehr
Town Clerk

Gary H. Kraus/Chairman

Thomas Loehr/ Supervisor

Peter Brenner/ Supervisor