

Town of Forest Minutes of May 12, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Forest Town Board was held on Monday, May 12, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Kraus at 7:00p.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 April 14, 2025 meeting. Pete Brenner seconded the motion, motion carried.

In follow-up to comments made regarding the billboard ordinance made at the April meeting: Chairman Kraus feels that a petitioner must come before the appeals committee because of how the billboard ordinance reads. Tom Roehl states that the ordinance reads that a sign can be no more than 50 square feet. If a resident would like a billboard, must go to the appeals board. If denied there, bring up the matter at the annual meeting and request to move into the process of changing the ordinance. No motion was made since no changes were made to the process, just clarification.

StratCap is the new owner of the tower on town property. Previously, the town was receiving a monthly lease check from BugTussel. StratCap would like to either buy out the lease in two lump sums or extend the lease 25 years, in 5 year terms with annual payments. Pete Brenner moved to extend the lease with updated and corrected paperwork. Tom Loehr seconded the motion, motion carried.

After discussion of appropriate measures, Tom Loehr moved to send letters to owners of abandoned houses and junk according to town ordinances. Pete Brenner seconded the motion. Clerk Sarah Loehr will work with Wisconsin Towns Association to make sure the letters are worded correctly for each situation.

Chairman Kraus is gathering information and bid for updated steel entry doors. Any decision was tabled until more bids are gathered.

For 2025 road work, it was decided to gather bids for the following three spots for pulverizing, 2in hot mix and shouldering: 1) Hackbarth Road from T south to the first corner; 2) Triple T Road from Hwy 23 north to town line; 3) Poplar Road, 7 Hills Road to Co Rd W. Bids will be due to the Clerk by June 7, 2025 at 5pm. Pete Brenner moved to bid out these roads for repair. Tom Loehr seconded the motion, motion carried.

Pete Brenner moved to pay the bills. Tom Loehr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bills paid as follows on April 14, 2025:

DISBURSEMENTS

Harter's Lakeside Disposal	curbside P/U	\$9,321.40	10439
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Dempsey Law Firm	Tower Lease and FP	\$421.00	10440
Baumhardt Sand & Gravel	treated sand & cold mix	\$1,588.43	10441
Jason Guelig Excavating	Log Tavern Rd Culvert	\$13,000.00	10442
Fond du Lac County Highway Dept	road signs and supplies	\$608.31	10443
Alliant Energy	town hall electric	\$93.85	10444
Web-Pro LP Gas Inc	344.6 gal LP @ 1.799	\$619.94	10445
Blue Door Consulting	unlock emails	\$130.96	10446
Randy Loehr	wages & mileage	\$85.46	10447
Nick Wagner	wages & R&S parts	\$111.97	10448
Pete Brenner	wages & gas	\$107.30	10449
Ann Kiehna	reimburse for dog food	\$45.35	10450
Baumhardt Sand & Gravel	Forest Dr Shouldering	\$5,600.00	10451
US Treasury	employment taxes	\$36.74	ACH

TOTAL	\$31,770.71
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RECEIPTS

Robert & Wendy Wendt	building Permit-outdoor shed	\$75.00	1833
Robert & Wendy Wendt	Variance Hearing Fee	\$300.00	1834
Julie Cooper	dog licenses	\$35.00	894
Guaranty Closing & Title	title search fees	\$40.00	79092
Fond du Lac County	dog license refund	\$557.15	503317
Fond du Lac County	Lottery Credit Settlement	\$5,817.53	502970
State of WI	PPA, based on 2017 assessment	\$873.88	ACH
State of WI	PPA, based on 2023 assessment	\$1,806.55	ACH
Faegre, Drinker, Biddle & Reath	Title search fees	\$200.00	1096673
Fond du Lac County	Curbside P/U & Interest	\$545.90	503906
Guelig Waste Removal & Demo	Demo permit W1458 Co Rd T	\$50.00	21070
BankFirst	Money Market Interest	\$782.30	ACH

TOTAL	\$11,083.31
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Cash on Balance	\$ 414,694.36
General Fund	\$ 280,622.36
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 134,072.00
Bank Accounts – Other	\$ -1770.34
TOTAL	\$ 412,924.02

Previous Month Balance in Capital Projects	\$ 133,289.70
BugTussel – Lease (no deposit)	+
Bank First – Interest	+ 782.30
Total for May 31, 2025	\$ 134,072.00

**Included in Total Capital Projects Amount
Capital Projects – Bridge Fund**

\$ 20,000.00

Next meeting Monday, June 9, 2025 at 7pm.

There was no further business; Tom Loehr moved to adjourn the meeting. Pete Brenner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Loehr
Town Clerk

Gary H. Kraus/Chairman

Thomas Loehr/ Supervisor

Peter Brenner/ Supervisor