

Town of Forest Minutes of September 8, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Forest Town Board was held on Monday, September 8, 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 Andrew Rentmeester and Clerk Sarah Loehr.

Chairman Gary Kraus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Loehr moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025 meeting. Pete Brenner seconded the motion, motion carried.

Jessica Start was present to discuss details of her and Joseph Stark's rezoning request. The recommendation of the plan commission was for rezoning. Tom Loehr moved to rezone 3.01 acres from Farmland Preservation to Residential to build one home. Pete Brenner seconded the motion, motion carried.

In discussion from the floor: Clerk Sarah Loehr explained the miscommunication with the Poplar Road Bridge construction and closure. The road was closed by mistake on August 4, but no work was happening so was opened after the contractor was contacted-they were not aware of the closure. Work will now begin on September 15 and continue for 35 business days. A resident is wondering about parking a camper temporarily on bare land for hunting. The town's LP contract was up for renewal, the board was going to make phone calls to see if Cole, FarrelGas or Merwin might have better options. Do we have a light pollution ordinance? A resident has been working with his neighbor to move a very bright yard light from shining directly at his home. Town resident Paul Strebe had general questions regarding a variance and also asked if the speed limit on Triple T and Poplar Roads could be lowered.

Pete Brenner moved to pay the bills. Tom Loehr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bills paid as follows on September 8, 2025:

DISBURSEMENTS

Dempsey Law Firm	FP Ordinance and rezoning update	\$27.00	10489
Transcendent Technologies	Annual Software Maintenance	\$951.00	10490
Harter's Lakeside Disposal	curbside pickup	\$9,321.40	10491
Weber Oil Company	DF 425.9 gal @ 2.827	\$1,335.62	10492
Alliant Energy	Town Hall Electric	\$83.35	10493
Pat's Tire Sales and Service	two tractor tires	\$1,495.00	10494
Nick Wagner	wages	\$243.83	10495
Randy Loehr	wages	\$325.53	10496
Andrew Rentmeester	1/4 Annual Wages	\$2,077.87	10497
Sarah Loehr	1/4 Annual Wages	\$3,578.56	10498
Weyers Equipment	mower blade hardware	\$108.83	10499
TOTAL	\$19,547.99		

RECEIPTS

Jason Guelig Excavating	demo permit Hochrein	\$50.00	15629
Ryan Barr	Electrical Permit	\$75.00	cash
Guaranty Closing & Title	title search	\$20.00	79421
StratCap	tower lease	\$489.19	1462
BankFirst	Service Charge refund	\$4.51	ACH
Cole Kreis	Building permit	\$100.00	cash
Katie & James Kroeger	building permit	\$75.00	1620
Paul & Myra Strebe	Building permit	\$75.00	1353
True North Title Janesville	title search	\$20.00	1127
Schmitt Title	title search	\$20.00	5838
Bill & Tammy Bowe	building permit	\$100.00	cash
Fitzpatrick Select Services	special assessment request	\$20.00	55552
BankFirst	money market interest	\$811.95	ACH

TOTAL \$1,860.65

Cash on Balance	\$ 428,439.17
General Fund	\$ 291,276.08
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 137,163.09
Bank Accounts – Other	\$ -1770.34
TOTAL	\$ 426,668.83

Previous Month Balance in Capital Projects	\$ 136,351.14
BugTussel – Lease (deposited into general fund)	+
Bank First – Interest	+ 811.95
Total for August 31, 2025	\$ 137,163.09
Included in Total Capital Projects Amount	
Capital Projects – Bridge Fund	\$ 20,000.00

Next meeting Monday, October 13, 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 8:45p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Loehr
Town Clerk

Gary H. Kraus/Chairman

Thomas Loehr/ Supervisor

Peter Brenner/ Supervisor