

Town of Forest Minutes of April 13, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Forest Town Board was held on Monday, April 13, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Kraus at 7:09p.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 March 9, 2026 meeting. Pete Brenner seconded the motion, motion carried.

Robert Benike was present on behalf of Rural Mutual Insurance Company to highlight the Town's insurance policy. Bob went over the policy and no changes were made.

Pete Brenner moved to approve the temporary picnic liquor license for Dotyville Hunting and Fishing Club and Forest Athletic Club to be active from April 15, 2026 to November 15, 2026. Tom Loehr seconded the motion, motion carried.

Tom Loehr moved to rezone approximately 1.5 acres of land from Farmland Preservation to Residential for Bill and Tammy Bowe and Jacob Bowe based on the recommendation from the Planning Commission meeting held on Monday, March 23, 2026. Pete Brenner seconded the motion, motion carried.

The board declined to approve and sign the Certified Survey Maps submitted by the WI Department of Transportation based on lack of information. The new plots would have restricted access; what are plans after survey is complete; is the DOT selling to adjoining landowners are some of the pertinent questions. The surveyor nor the DOT were present at the meeting. Sarah will contact the surveyor to see if they would like to be present at the next meeting.

Pete Brenner moved to replace a 21-inch culvert on Feldner Lane that caved in. Tom Loehr seconded the motion, motion carried.

There is ditch cleaning that will need to be completed on Old Town Hall Road and Banner Road, it will be included with the road bids.

Sarah received one quote for the town website. An additional company finally returned her messages that afternoon and she had found a contact for a third company and will be in touch with them. We will wait until the next meeting to make a decision when we have more information.

The WI Department of Natural Resources has asked all its Responsible Units to update their Recycling Ordinances. Sarah will gather some additional information and this will be tabled until May.

In discussion from the floor: When is Cedar getting repaired? Hopefully this summer, Baumhardt has said that they will help with the expense of the project. Walnut Road Bridge: plan for June construction, hoping to be done for the Dotyville Picnic for the run. Road work: Holes in Mueller Lane and Riverside Lane. Residents complained about lack of communication with zoning meeting regarding property next to their own property. Sarah explained that typically letters notifying the meeting are sent to adjoining property owners, but because these letters are sent as a courtesy, there is no set parameter as to who receives one. The Town of Forest Ordinance states that the legal notice must be published in the newspaper of record twice and posted in the three noted posting places for the town. The residents stated they or the neighbors they checked with did not receive a letter and the zoning sign was not posted. Sarah stated that the sign has not been posted in many years, also noting there were two items on the agenda that would have required the sign. The letters she is not sure what happened to because they would have been sent in late November and she was not approached on the subject until four months later. Annual Meeting will be held April 21 at 7pm.

Pete Brenner moved to pay the bills. Tom Loehr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bills paid as follows on March 9, 2026:

DISBURSEMENTS

Pat's Tire and Service	replace tire on sterling	\$785.00	10605
Web-Pro LP Gas	238.7 gal @1.699	\$405.55	10606
Weber Oil Company	DF and dynatrans	\$2,339.08	10607
Weyers Equipment	parts for mower	\$320.18	10608
Bowe Metal Fab	build new plow shoes	\$650.00	10609
USA Today Media Corp	legal notices	\$186.15	10610
Harter's Lakeside Disposal	curbside pickup	\$10,096.95	10611
Alliant Energy	town hall electric	\$100.83	10612
WTA	dues	\$1,420.56	10613
Sarah Loehr	election expenses, postage	\$346.94	10614
Randy Loehr	wages	\$295.52	10615
Nick Wagner	wages	\$286.28	10616
Gary Thimmig	wages	\$581.80	10617
Jeanne Floyd	Election poll worker	\$67.50	10618
Mary Bowe	Election poll worker	\$52.50	10619
Ellen Loehr	Election poll worker	\$112.50	10620
Kari Cox Gempeler	Election poll worker	\$127.50	10621
Ingrid Braun	Election poll worker	\$112.50	10622
WI DOT	Poplar Rd Bridge Expense	\$24.57	10623
Rural Mutual Insurance	Business Owners & Workers Comp	\$4,215.00	10624
US Treasury	employment taxes	\$192.80	ACH

TOTAL \$22,719.71

RECEIPTS

Michels Road & Stone	SUP Hearing Fee	\$10.00	240022
B Creative Metal Art	SUP Hearing Fee	\$10.00	2829

Theresa and Ken Karsten	SUP Hearing Fee	\$10.00	6909
Mandi & Jeffrey Rahmer	SUP Hearing Fee	\$10.00	177
Brian Hass	SUP Hearing Fee	\$10.00	401
Forest Floor Foods	SUP Hearing Fee	\$10.00	41117
David Schanen	razing permit	\$50.00	7119
Webers Express	2 operator's permits	\$50.00	cash
Marie Pierquet	open records request fee	\$20.00	349
US Treasury	employment tax refund	\$10.94	81165990
Paige Felten	DL	\$5.00	1394
WI DOT	General Transportation Aid	\$36,500.47	ACH
Lance Nenning	DL	\$15.00	3013
Daniel Heus	DL	\$5.00	7280
Jane Galligan	DL	\$5.00	2682
Nicole Sippel DBA Airy Point Farms	building permit	\$75.00	1096
Dotyville Hunting & Fishing Club	alcohol license	\$50.00	3233
Dotyville Hunting & Fishing Club	operators licenses (5)	\$125.00	3233
Immel Construction	Sargento Commercial Building Permit	\$500.00	180137
Fond du Lac County	Lottery Credit Settlement	\$5,180.36	609106
Fond du Lac County	March 2026 Specials	\$286.60	609436
Forest Athletic Club	Liquor License and Operators	\$505.00	1991
Schmitt Title	title search	\$20.00	6075
SWIF DataCom	Tower Lease	\$503.87	2044
State of Wisconsin	Aids in lieu of taxes	\$7,615.58	ACH
Ericson/Cooper	Dog Licenses	\$65.00	checks
Rentmeester	Dog License	\$30.00	2519
Bank First	Money Market Interest	\$585.20	ACH

TOTAL \$52,263.02

Cash on Balance	\$	482,952.23
General Fund	\$	338,918.89
Capital Projects Fund	\$	144,033.34
Bank Accounts – Other	\$	-1770.34
TOTAL	\$	481,181.89

Previous Month Balance in Capital Projects	\$	143,448.14
StratCap – Lease (deposited into general fund)		
Bank First – Interest	+	585.20
Total for April 30, 2026	\$	144,033.34
Included in Total Capital Projects Amount		
Capital Projects – Bridge Fund	\$	20,000.00

Next meeting Monday, May 11, 2026 at 7pm.

There was no further business; Tom Loehr moved to adjourn the meeting. Pete Brenner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Loehr
Town Clerk

Gary H. Kraus/Chairman

Thomas Loehr/ Supervisor

Peter Brenner/ Supervisor