



FOREST TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: April 14, 2026, 6:30 p.m.		
Present: Tim Holzkamm, Lynn Lindow, Barb Christiansen, Donna Waliczek, Karen Hefner Absent: Visitors: Rolf Christiansen, Matt Smith, Steve Lindow, Danny Smith, Leonard Thelen		
Agenda Item	Discussion Points/Notes	Actions/Follow-up Needed
Pledge of Allegiance Visitor Sign in		
Consent agenda: February 2026 Minutes	Review minutes.	Motion to approve consent agenda –Lynn Second by Barb. Motion carried
Treasurers Report	Submit reports.	Donna put memo on Treasures report to match claims list. Will move forward with the correct balance
Approval of Claims	Submit claims.	Approved
Public Comment	<p>Matt Smith requested that Forest Township approve an easement for his property that spans Forest Township, Clearwater County and Long-Lost Township. Matt wants to make sure that he has legal access to his property through Forest Township. The request was discussed and public comments were made.</p> <p>Tim motioned to proceed with seeking information from the MATT attorney Lynn seconded. If the attorney supports the easement we will accept.</p>	The council tabled the request to follow up with a call to the MATT attorney. No further discussion. We will follow up at the May meeting.
Clerk's Reports	<p>IRS check received</p> <p>2026 election judges training is scheduled for multiple dates in June</p> <p>MN EIN info has been received – this will be used to submit Paid Leave payments.</p>	<p>Per Donna check was deposited</p> <p>We will schedule members to attend</p> <p>Discussion is already being brought up to remove this requirement for townships after 2026. Donna & Karen to follow up with this 2026 electronic payment.</p>

<p>Board Member Reports</p> <p>Town Hall</p> <p>Trash/Recycle</p> <p>Roads</p> <p>Planning Commission</p> <p>Weed Report</p> <p>Website</p>	<p>Pile of sand under building with possible critter hole. Additional dump keys are needed.</p> <p>Barb & Rolf worked on the dumpster repairs – plywood is in shed for future repairs needed</p> <p>Roads are drying up. Application for Calcium Magnesium Chloride has gone up 5% to \$13,000. Road tour is scheduled for May 12th at 4:30 p.m. Remind Leonard Thelen.</p> <p>No new permits. Established Planning Commission members - Jesse Krasean, John Lafond, Carol Peterson, Rolf Christiansen and Lynn Lindow to meet to discuss wake boat issues. Motion to accept by Lynn second by Tim, Majority in favor, one opposed.</p> <p>Weed meeting = nothing new per Lynn Carl Kohnig announced that next year the AIS grant will be reduced by ½ so change is coming. Ray Ball's grandson is taking over - estimate received was the same as last year. Barb motioned to accept, Tim seconded</p> <p>No change</p>	<p>Tim to follow up on this the building critter. Tim to order 3 dozen additional dump keys for sale at \$5 each.</p> <p>Call White Earth to reserve Amnesty Day dumpsters = 4 in spring and 3 in fall</p> <p>Discussed additional gravel vs the calcium treatment. Will discuss at May meeting to meet the May 20th deadline for the Becker County dust control program</p> <p>Will report at the May meeting. No conflict if Jesse is on both the lake association and the planning commission.</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>Lynn sent out an e-mail on the language that we use in our ordinance in relation to cannabis, do we need to adopt a more restrictive policy to cover restrictions, Cannabis = per attorney contact - the township cannot prohibit cannabis business. This would override our township rules. We are not clear if we can use setbacks or restrictions.</p> <p>Shoreline use regulations – Permits are required and a county engineer review is needed for retaining walls.</p> <p>Short course – Barb attended – township road liability – okay to clear downed trees on road but not in ditches or road easements if rooted.</p>	<p>.</p>

	Discussed annual meeting follow-up for the tiered process. Township sets up a committee that works with the county and DNR. Property owners can vote with one vote per property. The committee is to investigate the situation and organize, but not to ban wake boats. Tim motioned to appoint the planning commission and Lynn seconded the motion.	
New Business		
Adjourn		Motion to adjourn by Lynn Second by Barb Motion carried

Tim Holzkamm

Date

Barb Christiansen

Date

Lynn Lindow

Date

Karen Hefner/Clerk

Date