FOREST TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: October 13, 2026		
Present: Tim Holzkzamm, Lynn Lindow, Barb Christiansen, Donna Waliczek, Karen Hefner Absent: Visitors: Rolf Christiansen, Carol Peterson, Leonard Thelen, Al Hefner, John LaFond, Amy Rosing		
Agenda Item	**Discussion Points/Notes**	**Actions/Follow-up Needed**
Pledge of Allegiance Visitor Sign in		
Consent agenda: • Minutes • Treasurers Report • Approval of Claims	• Review minutes. • Submit reports. • Submit claims.	Motion to approve consent agenda – Lynn Barb seconded - motion passed
• Public Comment	A water-oriented structure received a permit for a sauna on Sunset Dr. The current restriction is 10 feet. The whole property is on a bluff. No variance was required. There would be no control if water rises in the future. Amy Rosing attended the meeting to introduce herself – she is running for Becker County Auditor Treasurer	Rolf to discuss with Kyle – possible use the high-water mark to set the level
• Clerk's Report	• Public Record request for purchase orders – Lynn advised not to respond • Property appraisal report – discussed that the increase in value will increase insurance premiums for the town hall • White Earth advised that a dumpster needed repair. • MN DOR conditional use deed required confirmation that the easement for Dolly's Trail in 1997 was still being used for the original purpose. Document was signed and submitted. • September 5th meeting minutes – adjustments requested – concerns with what to call the motion made at the meeting. Call it a non-binding motion - could be listed in introduction. The video recording was not discussed by the board. It was done by Barb. It needs to be announced and will be removed from the minutes.	Lynn motioned to approve 9/5/26 minutes as corrected, Tim seconded – Motion passed

Board Member Reports • Town Hall • Trash/Recycle • Roads • Planning Commission • Weed Report • Website	• Barb sprayed outside town hall for beetles – thank you • One of the dumpsters needs significant repairs and the cost appears to be higher than the cost of a new bin. Lynn suggested that we set a date to clean up from the bears at the dump. Set for Oct. 26th at 10 am. Lynn will bring bags. • Roads are fine now that traffic has decreased. The minimum maintenance roads have been graded but Horseshoe Rd was not done. Barb requested that to get graded ASAP. Reclaimed gravel on Sunset – Leonard would like to add more gravel in places. • Will high diesel costs affect our invoice? This is inevitable. • Roads were better this year. • John La/Fond reported that road clean up went well. There was a good turnout. • Road inventory to be sent in • Steve Stenerson requested a 1-year additional time to complete his construction.	Tim will follow up and get actual costs. Tim will call White Earth to make sure trash pickup is set for every other week. Barb to complete and send Tim moved to approve 1 yr extension on Stenerson permit. Barb second. Motion passed
Old Business	• Wake boat ordinance discussions. Additional proposed wake boat regulation e-mails have been received with comments and recommendations for the board. We had a plan to do the survey now we need to determine to see if we want to proceed with regulations. Should come up with recommendation for possible regulations before annual meeting. Lynn spoke about possible wake surfing regulations and the rationale for each recommendation. She suggested regulations on distance from shore, depth of water and a start time for surfing. Discuss the attorney's request for wake boat e-mail communications and if a fee should be set. Rolf asked if we were under obligation to respond at this point? Tim said that the attorney request is not required but it would be a positive response. Lynn suggested a $50 per hour payment to individuals required to comply. Consider casual meeting to discuss, board members to plan on reading resources in reference to wake boats, continue to accept e-mails and proposals. Discuss Town Hall internet costs. Arvig is $100 per month with $300 to install. Starlink is another option - $50 per month includes satellite equipment. We would need our own router. Would need to install lines before freezing. Internet would generate additional exposure to attending meetings virtually. Plan to bring this up at annual meeting.	Tim will put together a proposal and send to the board. Lynn moved to charge $50/hour for public information gathered by township supervisors Barb seconded, motion passed Tim will compile a bill to submit to the attorney to include all of our work.
New Business		

Adjourn		Lynn moved to adjourn and Tim seconded. Motion passed

Tim Holzkamm Date

Barb Christiansen Date

Lynn Lindow Date

Karen Hefner /Clerk Date