

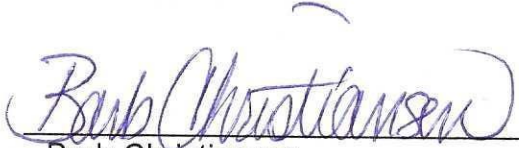
FOREST TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES


<p>Date and Time of Meeting: April 13, 2021, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Present: Tim Holzkamm, Barb Christiansen, Lynn Lindow; Supervisors, Donna Walizcek, Treasurer; Carol Peterson, Clerk</p> <p>Absent:</p> <p>Visitors: Scott Bentson, Rolf Christiansen</p>		
Agenda Item	Discussion Points/Notes	Actions/Follow-up Needed
<p>Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>Visitor Sign in</p>		
<p>Consent agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 8, 2021 Minutes • Treasurers Report • Approval of Claims List 		<p>A motion by Lynn to accept the Consent Agenda. Second by Barb. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Comment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Bentson, President of the BML Association shared that the Association received 2020 AIS inspection bill from Becker County in the amount of \$2,716.00. He wanted to follow up with confirmation that Forest Township had committed dollars to share in payment and what was budgeted for last year and 2021. The Lake Association also is looking for a location for the June Annual Meeting that is large enough for usual attendance which is approximately 50 people. Tim reported that the Town Hall, under the current Governor's guidance, allows 15 people. If the Governor's Order is lifted the Town Hall will be available. The Association is looking at outside locations like State Parks or a resort on the lake. 	<p>2020 Forest Township Budget set the amount of \$3,000.00 for AIS. A payment of \$2,500.00 will be made upon the receipt of a 2020 bill. The BML Association will submit a request for \$500.00 toward the 2021 AIS Inspection hours.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter update from Ottertail Power – on file • Township Debt Report for Becker County- Forest Township has no debt. • Supervisor and officer update for Becker County – reviewed • Lindow building permit and fee – Clerk present a Building Permit and request for Variance to build a garage on Black Bear Beach Rd property from Lynn Lindow. Lynn, as Zoning Supervisor, will not handle the permitting process. Variance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer signed the Debt Report and Carol will sent to Becker County Treasurer • Tim will act as Zoning Supervisor and Chair the Variance request at Public Meeting to be held May 11th


	<p>Committee members are Tim Holzkamm, Variance Chair, Barb Christiansen, Bill Jackson and Rolf Christiansen. Lynn will accompany Variance Committee to look at lot and lot lines.</p>	<p>after the regular scheduled Township Meeting. Carol will post to Town Hall and website Notice of meeting.</p>
<p>Board Member Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Hall • Trash/Recycle • Roads • Planning Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing • Dump violations – A. Rodger's letter - Tim presented for review final letter requesting payment of violation fine and Township next action of assessing the amount to Property Tax if not paid. The letter will be sent Registered/Received Receipt. Al Gerving is ready and willing to supervise Amnesty Days. Will request 4 dumpsters for May 29th. • Roads in good shape. Grading will be every other week until Memorial Day. • Funfar building permit - Lynn has done site inspection and approved. Permit and fee from Jay Smukowski – Lynn has made contact but building site is not staked out yet. Dwight Rutz – building permit and fee was submitted for storage building. Lynn has inspected site and approved. Permit and fee from Altenburg for a storage building– Lynn did a site visit and found it didn't meet the setback requirements. She notified him and gave him the option of moving it or asking for a Variance. Karl sent an email to Lynn stating that his property and proposed storage building are zoned Agricultural by Becker County and thus don't require a township building permit. His email was reviewed by all Supervisors and is attached to Minutes. Discussion followed: Barb reported her discussion with Becker County Highway Department and required setbacks. Becker County has a 100ft right of way to right of way not the usual 66ft as township road. To meet the Township Ordinance the storage unit would have to be 150ft from Centerline of Cty Rd 37 or 100ft from edge of right of way. Tim reviewed Becker County Agricultural Zoning and corresponding Forest Township Zoning Ordinance. Agricultural buildings are any building or structure incidental to agriculture on land principally used for agriculture. Karl's property doesn't fit that definition. . (Full report is attached which includes Zoning chapters and sections) Lynn's reported that Becker County has that the land is subdivided by allocation, And Karl's parcel is designated Seasonal Recreational Residency and that determines what permits are required. Findings: Altenburg permit will likely be denied as it does not meet Setback requirements. The options are move the building site or apply for Variance. Tim reported that Joe Anderson made second enquiry about lot size requirement for building. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barb will take the letter to the Post Office and sent Registered/Received Receipt. • Carol will contact White Earth Sanitation to reserve date and 4 dumpsters. Carol will contact Al Gerving. • Lynn will notify Karl Altenburg of findings and options.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed Report • Website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynn and Barb attended Virtual County short courses. • Updated the dates for Amnesty Days and policies. Tim requested the removal of outdated Dust Abatement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol will have Dust Abatement information removed.
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Annual meeting actions – purchasing of larger Weed Sprayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Tim to authorize up to \$100.00 for the purchase of a weed sprayer. Second by Barb. Motion carried unanimously.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certify Levy for Becker County – signed by Tim. • Road Tour date. Will leave from Town Hall and public is welcome. • Becker County Planning Memo. Reviewed and filed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol will send to Becker County. • Motion by Tim to set May 11th. at 4pm for the Annual Rd Tour. Public Meeting will be held immediately after at Town Hall. Barb second the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Carol will post to Town Hall and website
Adjourn		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Barb to adjourn the meeting. Second by Lynn. Motion carried unanimously


 Tim Holzkamm _____ 5/11/21
 Date


 Barb Christiansen _____ 5/11/21
 Date


 Lynn Lindow _____ 5/11/21
 Date


 Carol Peterson/Clerk _____
 Date

Date Range : 3/12/2021 To 4/13/2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>
04/13/2021	White Earth Sanitation	collection 2/21	2699	\$320.04	100-43230-384-	Waste (Refuse) Collection
04/13/2021	Itasca Mantrap Co-op Elec. Assoc	electricity	2700	\$120.00	100-41940-381-	General Government Buildings and Plant
04/13/2021	Karen LaFond	cleaning	2701	\$30.00	100-49001-100-	miscellaneous
04/13/2021	Thelen's Excavating	Plowing Mar 11 and grading April 6 8.5 hrs	2702	\$827.50	201-43122-400-	Unpaved Streets
Total For Selected Claims				\$1,297.54		

Barb Christiansen

Barb Christiansen Town Supervisor

4/13/2021

Date

Lynn Lindow

Lynn Lindow Vice Chair, Town Supervisor

4/13/2021

Date

Tim Holzmann *4/13/21*

tim Holzmann Chair, Town Supervisor

Date