

**Town of Forest Board Meeting
Located at the Forest Town Hall
E15784 State Hwy 33, Hillsboro WI
Monday, December 1st, 2025, 6pm**

- I. **Call to Order:** The Town of Forest Board Meeting was called to order at 6pm on Monday December 1st by Chairman Mark Davison
- II. **We Began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Attendance:** present were Dianne Johnson, Bill Schiller, Mark Davison, Todd Teed, Bob McCoy, Denise Valentine, Others: Janet and George Jordan, Karen Thompson, Linda Krueger, Jim Rynes, and Mike Welsch.
- IV. **Affirmation of Proper Notice:** Notice was confirmed.
- V. **Public Input;** none
- VI. **Secretary's report:** The minutes were emailed to the board by Denise. There were no corrections **MOTION** by Bill Schiller seconded by Bob McCoy that the November minutes be approved. Motion carried.
- VII. **Financial Report:** For November 2025, Dianne reported that the opening balance was 82485.17, income of 578082.68, as our Line of Credit was accessed for 383869.00, expenses of 540194.67, with an ending balance of 120373.18. Our Line of Credit balance with Farmers bank is 533321.95.
- VIII. **Other Reports:**
 - a. Town Patrolman report: Report received and filed.
 - b. Review of Submitted Building Site reports: A building site permit was submitted for Titus Yoder. **Motion** by Bob McCoy seconded by Bill Schiller that the building site permit be approved. Motion Carried.
 - c. Ambulance Report: Met on Nov 19th, report received and filed.
 - d. Fire Association Report: None
 - e. Recycle Center Report: Jim stated he received some calls to determine if recycle center would be open in view of the bad weather expected. The center was open. Jim also noted that he investigated the cost of recycling tires without rims vs with rims. He noted that Viroqua charges double if tires are recycled with rims. Dianne noted our cover letter that will go out with the tax bills, noted that tires will not be accepted with rims.
 - f. Chairman Report: Mark stated that he went with Todd to pick up the new snowplow truck. Also attended the Vernon County Tri Grant Award meeting. There were 4 requests for Tri Projects which are a 50/50 award. Whitestown stated they really didn't want the award but would accept if monies were left over. Town of Viroqua requested 66000.00, Wheatland 71600.00, and Christianna 68984.00. Avail monies were 277000.00. Viroqua was awarded in full; Wheatland and Christiana would split the remaining monies. There is another meeting tomorrow so these numbers may change. The Tri S supplement, which is a 70/30 award, there were 2 requests, the Town of Forest withdrew its request for this grant, as cost for township was too great. Town of Viroqua's request was approved for 663950.00. Mark will also follow up on the 24th Court Sign.

IX Business:

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Swearing in Election workers: The election workers present Janet Jordan, Karen Thompson, and Linda Krueger took the oath and were sworn in, Mike Welsch came late and was also sworn in,
- b. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchasing Battery Operated Tools for the Shop No action taken
- c. Discussion and Possible Action on Disposal of the 2001 Truck, **Motion** by Bill Schiller, seconded by Bob McCoy that we list the truck in the Wisconsin Surplus online auction, motion carried.
- d. Discussion and Possible Action on Applying for the VCCD grant Vernon County Community Grant, this is approx. a 20K grant 50/50, we would consider applying for this grant to gravel Cemetery Road, **Motion** Bill Schiller seconded by Bob McCoy that we apply for this grant for Cemetery Road. Motion Carried.
- e. Profit and Loss: Denise presented year-to-date profit and loss.
- f. Approve Invoices: Denise read through the invoices to be paid for the month. **Motion** by Bob McCoy, seconded by Bill Schiller to approve the invoices, motion carried.

X Announcements:

- a. Next regular board meeting is Monday January 12th, 2026, at 6pm. Bruce Olson is a Sergeant with the Vernon Cty Sheriff Dept. He is retiring and there will be a party for him on De 7 from 1-4pm at the Sheriff's Office.

XI Adjournment: Motion by Bob McCoy seconded by Bill Schiller that we adjourn the meeting at 6.50pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Denise Valentine, Clerk