

**Town of Forest Board Meeting
Located at the Forest Town Hall
E15784 State Hwy 33, Hillsboro, WI
Monday Feb 9th,2026 at 6pm**

I CALL TO ORDER: The Town of Forest Board meeting was called to order at 6pm on Monday February 9th, by Chairman Mark Davison. We began our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II Attendance: Those present were, Dianne Johnson, Bill Schiller, Mark Davison, Todd Teed, Denise Valentine, absent, Bob McCoy. Others: George Jordan, Jim Rynes, Tony Dougherty Rural Insurance, Steve Brey.

III Affirmation of Proper Public Notice: Notice was confirmed

IV Public Input: There was none

V Minutes of the Jan 2026 meetings: Denise emailed minutes from both the Jan 12th, and Jan 29th meetings to the board, no changes requested. **Motion** by Bill Schiller seconded by Mark Davison that the minutes be accepted. Motion carried.

VI Treasurers Report: Dianne reported that the opening balance for January 2026 was 286483.44, income of 560242.46, expenses of 211856.60, leaving a balance of 634869.30 as of Jan 31st. Today's balance is 696160.51 in Royal Bank. Our line of credit with Farmers is 446542.52, savings account 100.00 and CD of 2000.00, which will mature on 4/13/2026.

VII. Other Reports:

- a. Town Patrolman report received and filed report.
- b. Review of Submitted Building Site and Driveway Permits: A driveway permit for Cody & Theresa Daigle, was received, **Motion** by Mark Davison seconded by Bill Schiller to approve the driveway permit, motion carried. A Building Site Permit from Jesse Yutzy was received, **Motion** by Mark Davison seconded by Bill Schiller that the building site permit be approved. Motion Carried.
- c. Ambulance Report: Dianne reported that the Ambulance committee met on Feb 4th, report received and filed.
- d. Fire Association Report: Bill Schiller reported that the Hillsboro Fire Department had agreed to purchase a used fire truck for the department. This unit is a 2021 Pierce Saber Pumper from Minn. The Town of Forest share for this truck will be 9605.43 yearly for 10 years, starting February 1, 2027, the purchase price was 548875.00. report submitted and filed.
- e. Recycle Center Report: Jim Rynes reported that things are going well. There was a lock that was frozen on doors and key was stuck_in lock. They have replaced said lock.
- f. Chairman Report. Mark Davison reported that he went with Todd, and Bill, to look at used replacement truck in Minn. He has received several calls about the new liquor license requirements for venues that do not sell liquor. It is believed that the establishment does require a liquor license and needs to be present during the event when alcohol is served. Clarification on whether they need to sell liquor or get a bartender's license is being researched. Mark has asked the Wis Towns Association to clarify for the clerk. There was a question

from a townsperson as to what type of heating and cooling system you can have in your house. Mark stated that Town of Forest has no regulations regarding this and they should check with the county so see if they do.

VII. Business:

- a. Discussion and possible action on Update on the Rural Mutual Insurance Policy,
Tony Dougherty went over the current policy to see if any updates or changes were needed, as the last review was 4 years ago. He has requested a copy of Denise V, and Bob M, drivers license and the 2026 budget for their files. His report was submitted and filed.
- b. Discussion and possible action on a Saving Account at the Royal Bank. It was discussed that a savings account to hold the tax collections until the beginning of the collection year be started. This will make accounting between calendar year and tax year easier to manage. **Motion**, Mark Davison, seconded by Bill Schiller that we open a savings account with Royal Bank in amount of \$100.00 to hold tax monies paid in December. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion and Possible Action on Filing the Town of Forest Comprehensive Plan, to file this information with the state, we need an ordinance passed and then the ordinance is sent into the state, **Motion** by Mark Davison seconded by Bill Schiller that we accept this ordinance. Motion carried.
- d. Discussion and possible action on applying for the VCCD Grant. No Action taken.
- e. Profit and Loss Review; Denise presented the year-to-date Profit and Loss. **Motion** by Bill Schiller, seconded by Mark Davison, to approve the Profit & Loss. Motion carried.
- f. Approve Invoices, Denise read through the invoices to be paid for the month. **Motion** by Bill Schiller seconded by Mark Davison, to approve the invoices, motion carried.

IX Announcements:

- a. The next regular board meeting will be Monday March 9th at 6pm.
- b. On Monday May 18th at the Radison in Lacross there will be a meeting with the legislature, and candidates to persuade them to consider more money for local road projects. The Road School is coming up in April Mon – Wed April 27th to 29th. The chairman, and patrolman plan to attend the Tues and Wed portions.

- X Adjourn: Motion by Bill Schiller seconded by Mark Davison that we adjourn the meeting at 7.30 pm, motion carried