

TOWN OF FOREST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Located at the Forest Town Hall at E15784 State Hwy. 33, Hillsboro, WI

On Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Town of Forest Board Meeting was called to order at 6pm on Monday March 9th by Chairman Mark Davison.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** We began our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance,
- III. **Attendance:** Those present were, Dianne Johnson, Bill Schiller, Mark Davison, Todd Teed, Bob McCoy, Denise Valentine. Others, George Jordan, Jim Rynes, Steve Brey.
- IV. **Affirmation of Public Notice:** Notice was confirmed.
- V. **Public Input:** Jim Rynes noted that a cone was needed on Harris Road as there is a culvert which has lifted there. George Jordan asked about the status of the sign for 24th Court. An invoice has been received; sign should be going up soon.
- VI. **Minutes from the February 2026 Meeting:** Denise noted that the minutes were emailed to the board, and spelling corrections were made. **Motion** by Bill Schiller, seconded by Bob McCoy that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.
- VII. **Financial Report:** Diane noted that the opening balance as of February 1st at Royal Bank was 634869.30, income of 124119.24, expenses of 444317.97. Balance on Feb 28th 314670.57. Today's balance is 383866.89. At Farmers Bank, the CD is 2000.00, Savings account 2100.00, and line of credit balance of 446542.52.
- VIII. **Other Reports:**
 - a. *Town Patrolman Report:* Report was received and filed.
 - b. *Review of Submitted Building Site Permits and Driveway Permit, there were 2 building SITE permits, Bill Schiller, and Alan Rose, and one driveway permit, Zachery Griffin. Motion* by Bob McCoy, seconded by Bill Schiller, that we approve these permits. Motion carried.
 - c. *Ambulance Report: none*
 - d. *Fire Association Report: none*
 - e. *Recycle Center Report: Jim asked that we mention to our carrier that they please space the garbage collection, and recycle bins better, for easier clearance.* He has also received questions on when the spring cleanup will be held. Signs will be put up at the recycle center with the dates.
 - f. *Chairman Report:* Mark reported that he helped Todd with the driveway permit. He has also received a call regarding the Vernon County Landfill, and the need to encourage continuation of this service. The next Landfill meeting will be on March 17th at 2pm in Viroqua, in the County Board Room. The next County Board meeting will be on Thursday March 19th, with the same topic. Mark also assisted Todd with the Community Projects Appropriation funding request and requested and received letters of support for this funding for our township for a new truck and plow equipment. Mark will also send out request for bids for our sealcoat and gravel needs. Lastly got the title transferred for our newest used, one-ton truck.
- IX. **Business:**
 - a. *Discussion and possible action on Transportation Resolution: The Wisconsin Towns association has drafted a resolution to request that the state of Wisconsin*

focus greater transportation funding to rural communities. There is a meeting to be held on Monday May 18th at the Radison Hotel in Lacrosse starting at 7:30. This resolution will be sent to the state representatives. A copy of the resolution was provided to the board. **Motion** by Bob McCoy seconded by Bill Schiller, that we adopt this resolution to support a comprehensive and sustainable transportation and funding solution. Motion carried.

- b. *Discussion and possible action on an Ordinance to Accept the Town of Forest Comprehensive Plan.* **Motion** by Bill Schiller seconded by Bob McCoy that we accept this Ordinance. Motion carried.
- c. *Discussion and possible action on Road Projects for 2026.* The report of possible Road Projects for 2026 was received and filed. Motion by Mark Davison seconded by Bob McCoy, that we proceed with as many of these road projects as we can financially afford in 2026. Motion Carried.
- d. *Discussion and Possible action on Update on Community Projects, Appropriations Funding.* Todd explained that Rep VanOrden District 3 office will accept community projects for the 2027 budget year. This funding is a 75% match through the USDA, if approved it is not a grant request. The estimated cost for a new truck, plow, and sanding rig is approximately 304000.00. The application for this funding had to be sent in by March 9th, which he did. He received confirmation that the request was received by Derek VanOrdens office. At this time there is no date for when funding may be available, if our request is approved.
- e. *Profit and loss Review.* Denise presented the year-to-date Profit and Loss. **Motion** by Bill Schiller seconded by Bob McCoy to approve the Profit and Loss review. Motion carried.
- f. *Approve Invoices.* Denise read through all the invoices to be paid for the month. **Motion** by Bill Schiller seconded by Bob McCoy to approve the invoices. Motion carried.

X. Announcements:

- a. the next regular board meeting is Monday April 13th, 2026 at 6pm
- b. The Town of Forest Annual Meeting will be on Monday April 20th at the Town Hall at 6pm.
- c. Voting Machine Pre-Lat Testing and Public Testing will be on March 30th, 2026, at the Voting Room from 8am – 11am. Public Testing begins at 9.30 AM.
- d. Candidate and Legislator Forum May 18, 2026, at the Radison Motel in Lacrosse WI. 7.30 to 9am, free breakfast.
- e. Road School Monday April 27th – Wednesday April 29th.

XI. Adjournment: Motion by Bob Mccoy seconded by Bill Schiller that we adjourn the meeting at 7.05 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Valentine, Clerk
Town of Forest – Vernon County