

Town of Forest Annual Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall
Located at E15784 State Hwy 33, Hillsboro, WI 54634

Call to Order: The Town of Forest Annual Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Davison at 6:00 pm

Roll Call: Mark Davison, Bill Schiller, Bob McCoy, Dianne Johnson and Todd Teed. Denise Valentine absent.

Others present: Jeremy Hutchinson, Donna Baldwin, Frank and Joy DeWitt, Eugene Baldwin, Rusty and Angel Bach, George and Janet Jordan, Billy and Sarah Krueger, Cedric McDonald, Tim Rechlich, Wally Hemmersbach, Dan and Heidi Obert and Dena Eckles.

Affirmation of Public Notice: Mark Davison affirmed that the proper notice was posted.

Mark Davison appointed Dianne Johnson to be the clerk for the Town of Forest Annual Meeting.

Public Input: Dena Eckles brought up that more communication needs to happen about the Landfill, Transmission Lines and Data Centers. Mark Davison informed her that anytime she would like to discuss these issues he could have them on the agenda at our monthly meeting. Mark also informed her that the Town of Forest will remain to be neutral on the Transmission Lines. He also informed her on the on-going long meetings that are taking place in Vernon County for the Landfill. The DNR is taking a long time to make any decisions. Dena recommended the community to recycle and be more conservative with garbage. Dena wanted to know about meetings that took place for Comprehensive Planning for the Town of Forest. Mark Davison gave her a copy of the plan.

Frank DeWitt would like the board to look at the tubes on Moon Ridge Court as they may be starting to wash.

Secretary's Report: Dianne Johnson read the 2025 minutes from the Town of Forest Annual Meeting. Mark Davison asked for any corrections and there were none. Motion by Bob McCoy to approve the minutes and seconded by Bill Schiller. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was given by Dianne Johnson as follows: Royal Bank checking account # 1237 balance \$ 302,100.95. Royal Bank savings account # 3234 balance \$100.00. Farmers State Bank Hillsboro Line of Credit loan account # 6114 balance is \$ 387,311.51. Farmers State Bank saving account # 8953 balance is \$ 100.00. Farmers State Bank CD# 0671 \$6009.37 account balance.

Road Projects report by Mark Davison: Mark reported that the board has a loan amount because of the following: Road work done on Sawdust Ave of \$438,971.00. We were awarded LRIP grant money of \$ 315,000.00 and then Vernon County grant of \$ 62,000.00. Our cost was \$61,000.00. Burr Salem road repair totaled \$192,940.00 and we were awarded an LRIP grant for \$ 90,535.00 and our cost was \$102,406.00. We also paid in full for a new Snowplow truck, wing and sander was \$281,307.00. We have an upcoming project in 2027 on Cemetery Road, and we have been awarded an LRIP Grant for the year 2027.

Recycling Report: Open Saturdays from 9 am -1 pm and starting in June through August Wednesdays from 5 pm -7pm.

Spring Cleanup Days: April 24 & 25th from 8 am 5 pm each day.

Assessor Update: Open and Book and Board of Review will be held in the fall of 2026. No dates have been set.

Town Picnic: Tentatively set for Saturday, Sept 12, 2026, from 11 am to 1 pm at Rustic Ridge Resort. Mark Davison informed everyone that no Township money is used for this picnic.

Discussion of Proposed Road Projects: Todd Teed reported the following projects need to be completed sometime in the future: New culvert on Ridge Road, Kraemer Road-gravel the shoulders, Mt. Tabor Road- Patch and ditch work due to settling, 28th Ave Big rocks, 2nd culvert and rip rap the creek, Maple Lane road sign is missing, Eureka Drive sign and post, big rocks by 2nd culvert and by the big culvert. Pine

Ave patch, sealcoat from Oak to Town line, big rocks by culvert by Johnson's. 24th Ave sealcoat from Fisher's to the Town line, patch over culverts with consideration of tearing up the road in 2027? Hidden Valley-put regrind on it, add on to the culvert. Trout Road-gravel. Canyon Road gravel in spots, replace culvert by the house. 23rd Ave- ditch. Cemetery -grant in 2027 replace 3 culverts and rebase sealcoat. Harris Road patch ruts on the ridge. Moon Ridge Road patch and bar seal. Moon Ridge Court gravel. West Ave replace culvert by Shaker's. Burr Salem Road-sealcoat from Hwy 33 to John Yutzy's. Eastman Dr. sealcoat the hill. South Drive sealcoat from P to McCoy's home. South Valley Ave patch. Skyline patch. Valley Ave ditch and possible patch with mystic seal? Scratch Ave – patch and seal. Cheyenne Road replace culvert. Bugbee Road double seal by gravel quarry. Vet Road patch and Dead End Road - gravel.

Dena Eckles wanted an update on Viroqua Landfill. Mark Davison reported that after 2 years of meetings there is no conclusive decision made yet. There is a citizen's group that is very opposed to the Landfill. The Landfill drilled two test wells costing \$130,000.00 each. The DNR is involved but moving slowly in making any decisions. Mark said the Landfill has no leaks and there is 2 years of air space left. Any concern should be addressed to Paul Wilson, our local supervisor. Dena Eckles brought up Data Centers. No discussion took place.

Next Annual Meeting: The date for the next Annual meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 2027. Motion by Tood Teed and seconded by George Jordan. Motion carried

Adjournment: Motion by Bob McCoy to adjourn and seconded by Eugene Baldwin. Motion carried.

Respectfully,

Dianne M. Johnson

TOWN OF FOREST 2026 BUDGET					
		2026	2026		
		estimated	budget		
Income					
Total 100- · Revenue-Taxes	\$	293,641.00			
Total 103- · Revenue-Intergov't	\$	320,531.00		**incl est RIP FUNDS 90k	
Total 105- · License and Permits	\$	2,020.00			
Total 109- · Charge For Public Services	\$	3,270.00			
Total 113- · MISC Revenue	\$	400.00			
Total 115- · Other Financial Sources	\$	-			
Total Income	\$	619,862.00			
Expense					
Total 118- · General Government	\$	85,585.00			
Total 120- · Public Safety	\$	35,563.00			
Total 122- · Public Works	\$	365,314.00			
Total 124- · Health and Human Services	\$	2,400.00			
Total 132- · Debt Service	\$	107,000.00		**incl pmt to LOC 90K	
Total 134- · Other Financial Uses/conting	\$	24,000.00			
Total Expense	\$	619,862.00			