

TOWN OF FOREST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

On Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER: The Town of Forest Board Meeting was called to order at 6pm on Monday August 10th by Chairman Mark Davison.

II. We began our meeting with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

III. ATTENDANCE: Those Present were, Bill Schiller, Mark Davison, Todd Teed, Bob McCoy, Denise Valentine, Dianne Johnson, others; Janet and George Jordan, Jim Rynes, Donna Baldwin, Steve Brey, Matt Albright.

IV. AFFIRMATION OF PROPER PUBLIC NOTICE: Notice was confirmed

V. PUBLIC INPUT: None

VI. MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING: Denise emailed the minutes to the board, there were no changes. **Motion** by Bob McCoy seconded by Bill Schiller that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE AUGUST 2026 MEETING: Dianne reported that the opening balance with Royal bank as of July 1 was \$128960.03, income of \$360872.30, expenses of \$344112.02, leaving a balance on July 31 of 145720.31. Today's balance is \$142158.01. Royal Savings balance is \$100.00. Farmers Bank, Savings is \$100.0, our CD is \$14038.97, and our outstanding loan balance is \$77844.22.

VIII. OTHER REPORTS:

- a. *Town Patrolman Report:* report was received and filed.
- b. *Review of Submitted Building Site Permits and Driveway Permits.* There were 3 SITE permits, James Mazelin, Titus Yoder, and Zachery Griffin. Motion by Bob McCoy seconded by Bill Schiller that we approve the SITE permits. Motion Carried. There were no Driveway Permit requests.
- c. *Ambulance Report:* report was received and filed.
- d. *Fire Association Report:* Bill Schiller reported that the Fire association met, and are working on changes to the bylaws, as Wonewoc pulled out of the contract with Hillsboro Fire Dept. 14 of 19 firefighters are certified. They need to order a new tank for the tanker truck, which will be steel like those used for manure trucks, at a cost of about \$50,000.00. The newest ladder truck was tested and failed first test and was repaired under warranty. The next fire association meeting will be held October 6th and will be a budget meeting.
- e. *Recycle Center Report:* Jim asked that the township look at the little building next to the center and stabilize or level it up some.

- f. *Chairman Report:* Mark attended Emergency Training, where they learned about a new APP, that will allow for faster and more efficient notifications to FEMA for emergency occurrences. Todd has this APP added to his phone. He also helped with installing Fire numbers and delivering building SITE permits to people who do not have access to computers. He attended the Town Advocacy Meeting which focused on your style of conflict solving. Contacted a lawyer who is willing to write an ordinance for us to address zoning concerns regarding preservation of existing ag land and uses. He was informed that our 2027 transportation aid per mile will be \$3018.00 and in 2028 will go up 3%. Mark will attend the Vernon County Land Fill infrastructure meeting on the 12th. The continuation of the Vernon County Landfill has been under review for the last 3 years.

IX. Presentation from Matt Albright: Discussed the comprehensive plan and Farmland Preservation. He indicated that Vernon County is working on a Zoning Plan and gave an overview of the Data Center ordinance which would put an 18-month temporary pause to the construction of said Data Centers and provided a sample ordinance that Townships etc. could use. The purpose would be to ensure responsible review of requests prior to any land use changes being enacted. A land use change as an example is when you convert AG land to business use. He indicated that it would be beneficial to have public input regarding any such changes, with questions not limited to what the effects of this change would be to your township, would you have the infrastructure to support such change and who would be responsible to financially support that infrastructure.

X. BUSINESS:

a. *Discussion and possible action on Naming a Dog Counter.* Bill Schiller has agreed to continue providing this service.

b. *Discussion and possible action on Naming a Weed Commissioner.* Bob McCoy has agreed to continue providing this service.

c. *Discussion and Possible Action on Sale of the used Wing and Culverts.* **Motion** by Bob McCoy seconded by Bill Schiller that we advertise to sell the used wing and used culverts on the Wisconsin Surplus auction site. Motion carried.

d. *Discussion and Possible Action on Veterans Reimbursement from Vernon County for Billings Creek Cemetery.* We received paperwork from both Billings Creek and Forest Cemetery for continuation of this reimbursement. Paperwork needed to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk and returned to Vernon County Clerk. Paperwork was signed and Mark will deliver to Jerry Pedretti.

e. *Discussion and Possible Action on the Forest Town Picnic.* Picnic will be held on Sept 12th at Rustic Ridge Resort, from 11 – 2pm. Food will be provided, and posters advertising this event will be displayed around the community.

f. *Profit and Loss Review.* Denise presented the year-to-date profit and loss review. After review by the board noting that we had not spent the entire seal coat budget for 2026, and acknowledging our Line of Credit Debt, **Motion** by Bill Schiller seconded by Bob McCoy that we apply the excess to our Line of Credit, in the amount of 48819.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bill Schiller seconded by Bob McCoy, that we approve the profit and loss review. Motion carried.

g. *Approve Invoices.* Denise read through the invoices to be paid for the month.

Motion by Bob McCoy seconded by Bill Schiller that the invoices be approved. Motion carried.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENT:

- a. Next regular Board Meeting is September 14, 2026, at 6pm.
- b. Town of Forest Picnic will be Saturday September 12, 2026
- c. Public Testing of the Voting Machine Thursday Aug 6, 2026, at 10am, in the voting room at the Town Shop, located at E15784 State Hwy 33 Hillsboro WI 54634
- d. Election Day Voting Tuesday August 11, 2026 from 7am until 8pm at the Voting Room in the Town Shop, located at E15784 State Hwy 33 Hillsboro WI 54634

X. ADJOURN: Motion by Bob McCoy seconded by Bill Schiller that the meeting adjourn at 7:25pm, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Denise Valentine, Clerk