TOWN OF FOREST BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Located at the Forest Town Hall at E15784 State Hwy. 33, Hillsboro, WI
On Tuesday October 13, 2026, at 7:00 PM

I CALL TO ORDER: The Town of Forest Board Meeting was called to order at 7pm on Tuesday October 13th by Chairman Mark Davison.

II We began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

III ATTENDANCE: Those present were, Dianne Johnson, Bill Schiller, Mark Davison, Bob McCoy, Denise Valentine, absent, Todd Teed. Others, Steve Brey, George and Janet Jordan.

IV AFFIRMATION OF PROPER PUBLIC NOTICE: Notice was confirmed.

V PUBLIC INPUT: Steve Brey questioned if the use of off-road diesel would be better for us fiscally, it was noted that we don't pay sales tax so there would be no difference. A question about Eastman Drive fencing was answered.

VI SECRETARYS REPORT: Minutes from the Sept 2026 meeting were emailed to the board, any corrections were made**. Motion** by Bob McCoy seconded by Bill Schiller that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

VII FINANCIAL REPORT: Dianne reported that the opening balance with Royal Bank as of Sept 1, was 177275.00, ending balance as of Sep 30 149412.63, today's balance 173655.46. Royal Savings balance is $100.00. At Farmers State Bank, our CD is 14038.97, Savings 4101.34, and our line of credit balance is 29202.13

VIII OTHER REPORTS:

a. *Town Patrolman Report*, report received and filed.
b. *Review of Submitted Building Site and Driveway Permits,* there were none.
c. *Ambulance Report*, Dianne reported that the Hillsboro Ambulance meeting was held on Sept 16th, report received and filed. The next meeting will be Oct 21st. Bill Schiller reported that the Ontario Fire and Rescue held there annual meeting on Sept 28th, the Ambulance department is looking at a new Ambulance, looking into new, vs refurbished. New would run about 350K, refurbished with all the adders would run prox 80-100K less. Another meeting may be required to finalize. Reports along with Fire Dept, is received and filed.
d. *Fire Association Report*, Hillsboro fire dept met and supplied the townships with the 2027 budget. Also noted that the new water pumper tank will not be replaced till January at a cost of about 50K. Report received and filed.
e. *Recycle Center Report*, Mark reported that the fall cleanup went well. Big Hook trucking our garbage hauler got bought out by GFL. We are not sure how this will affect us yet.
f. *Chairman Report*, Mark talked with Paul Wilson, chairman of Vernon County board and Gail Frie about the purchase and how it could affect us and hauling to Vernon County Landfill. He will attend the WTA meeting on Thurs Oct 22, and that discussion is on the agenda

IX BUSINESS:

a. *Discussion and Possible Action on Planning for 2027 Budget*, no action taken.
b. *Discussion and Possible Action on Garbage Hauler*, no action taken.

c. *Discussion and Possible Action on Wages for Town Labor Employees*, in discussion with our Patrolman Todd Teed, he would like a 4th week of vacation, vs an increase in pay. The recycling center employees Jim Rynes, and Jeremy Hutchison will receive a 4% increase to 16.15 per hour, general labor Jeremy Hutchison a 4% increase to 19.27 per hour, Russell Bach snow removal, a 4 % increase to 21.35 per hour. **Motion** by Bob McCoy seconded by Bill Schiller that these wage increases be approved. Motion carried.

d. *Discussion and Possible Action on Building Site Permits*. Discussion to increase the cost of a Building Site permit from $100.00 to 150.00 as of Jan 1, 2027. In addition, clarification on what a portable building is. It is noted that a portable building is 200 sq feet or less and does not require a Building Site Permit. Any building greater than 200 sq feet is not considered a portable building and does require a Building Site Permit. **Motion** by Bill Schiller seconded by Bob McCoy that we make these changes to Building Site Permit. Motion carried.

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. Motion carried.

f. *Approve Invoices*: Denise read through all the invoices to be paid for the month. **Motion** by Bob McCoy, seconded by Bill Schiller, that the invoices be approved. Motion carried.

X **Announcements**:

a. Next regular board meeting is Monday November 9th, at 6pm.

b. Open Book was held today, Tuesday Oct 13th from 3-7pm at the Town Hall.

c. Board of Review will be Tuesday Oct 27th, 2026, from 4-6pm, at the Town Hall located at E15784 State Hwy 33 Hillsboro Wi 54634

d. Election Day is Tuesday Nov 3rd, 2026, at the Voting Room at the Town Shop located at E15784 State Hwy 33 Hillsboro Wi 54634

XI **ADJOURN: Motion** by Bob McCoy seconded by Bill Schiller that we adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Valentine, Clerk