

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Ford Town Board  
January 8, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall

1. Present: Katie Kerr, Kim Johnson, Doug Bassett, Edna Cole and Sarah Berry. Citizens present: Tom Waters
2. Set and Approve Agenda: M/S/C by Kerr and Bassett to approve the agenda with the following additions: add 2008 budget and State Forest to old Business and 2009 Budget and Future Meetings to New Business. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Review and approval of minutes: M/S/C by Johnson and Bassett to approve the December minutes of the Ford Town Board. Motion Carried unanimously.
4. Treasurer's report. Cash Control statements were presented that showed the Clerk and Treasurer balanced with each other. M/S/C by Kerr and Johnson to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Review and Approval of Claims for payment. M/S/C by Kerr and Bassett to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Payroll checks #1958-1966 totaling \$792.26 ; claims #6276-6282, paid by checks #1967-1971 and eft 79 &80 totaling \$2622.41.
6. Citizen Comment. Waters expressed his appreciation of the Ford Town newsletter. He also asked about the North TH 65 Corridor. Johnson, as the Board representative on that committee gave an explanation of what the committee is.
7. Old Business
  - a. North TH 65 Corridor Coalition: No new information to report
  - b. Snake River State Forest Motor Designation: Johnson has been in contact with the DNR and they would like to come to the February or March board meeting and let the board know how things are proceeding. DNR will be added to the agenda for both months. Johnson will contact the DNR.
  - c. Road and Bridge:  
Kanabec County Sign Program: The County is still waiting to receive approval from five townships for the project to proceed.
  - d. Planning Commission: The group is continuing to meet and work. Minutes will be approved by the Planning Commission and brought to the next meeting for Board acceptance.
  - e. Comprehensive plan: Kerr is continuing to work on making a clean copy of the plan. A public hearing is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. just prior to the annual meeting.
  - f. Fire Department: Johnson met with a representative from the City of Isle and received a spreadsheet of 2007 fire calls. He can continue to ask for this information from Isle.

- g. Newsletter: Kerr brought a preliminary copy of the newsletter to the meeting. A few changes need to be made and a final copy will be brought to the February meeting. A date for the annual get-together was set for August 9, 2008.
- h. Internet Service: Cole brought the board copies of the internet services that she had look into for high speed internet. M/S/C by Bassett and Johnson to authorize Berry and Cole to proceed with the internet service through Northland Connect. The board will pay for the equipment/installation fees and ½ of the monthly service fees. Clerk and Treasurer must complete their term of office or they will be required to pay the installation and equipment fees. This authorization is good for 12 months of service. Motion carried unanimously. Berry and Cole can proceed with this service.
- i. 2008 Budget: Budget has been reworked a bit and internet charges can be taken out of Information Services.

8. New Business.

- a. 2008 Officers: No action taken at this time.
- b. Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission: The planning commission would like a joint meeting with the board on March 18<sup>th</sup> to have a work session. Board decided to have a joint meeting from 7:00-8:00 and the regular monthly meeting at 8:00.
- c. Recycling Proposal: Johnson gathered information about recycling. It has been discussed that we could offer an opportunity to have recycling available at the Town Hall one weekend in late spring or early summer. This information will be put in the newsletter and we will receive feedback from citizens and then make a decision if we should proceed with this or not.
- d. 2009 Budget: Treasurer Cole will work on plugging numbers into the 2009 budget. Copies will be sent to all members to look over and make suggestions.
- e. Meeting Schedules: The February meeting will be held on Monday February 4<sup>th</sup>. The board of audit will be held at 6:00 p.m. followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. On March 11<sup>th</sup> the Comp. Plan hearing is at 7:00 with the annual meeting at 8:05 p.m. On March 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a joint meeting between the planning commission and Board at 7:00 p.m. and an 8:00 p.m. board meeting. The April meeting will be on April 15<sup>th</sup> (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday due to the Kanabec Township Assoc. meeting. We will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in Oct. instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday because of the Kanabec Township Assoc. meeting. All other meetings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month unless otherwise posted. Berry will publish all dates as needed before the meetings.

9. Mail: Reviewed by the Board.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Sarah Berry, Clerk of Ford Township