

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
2026-2027 BUDGET HEARING
HELD ON MARCH 12, 2026
TOWNSHIP OF FOREST – Lisa Margrif – CLERK**

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Supervisor Price. Board members present were Supervisor, Mary Ann Price; Clerk, Lisa Margrif; Treasurer, Linda Smoke; and Trustee Mark Martin and Trustee Steed Mills Jr.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Margrif, to accept the agenda for the March 12, 2026, meeting as presented with the addition of letter D- buzz in door system for senior center to unfinished business letter F- standalone ordinance for jake breaking and letter G- zoning ordinance change to new business. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Martin, to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 12, 2026. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Margrif, to accept the Treasurers' reports for general, fire, garbage funds, fire loss withholding escrow funds and Local Intervenor compensation fund as presented. Roll call vote: Martin, yes; Mills, yes; Price, yes; Margrif, yes; Smoke, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Martin, to accept the bills submitted for March 2026 payment, General Fund - checks numbered 25996 through 26041, Fire Assessment - checks numbered 14421 through 14432, Garbage Assessment - check number 9177. Roll call vote: Mills, yes; Price, yes; Margrif, yes; Smoke, yes; Martin, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Video cameras at Pettit Park tabled.

Motion by Price, seconded by Mills, to adopt a resolution to accept the contract from Genesee County Road commission for \$7,500.00 for Irish road and Frances Road approach and for Richfield township to pay the other half. Roll call vote: Price, yes; Margrif, yes; Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Mills, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Supervisor Price closed the regular meeting at 6:30p.m. and opened the Budget Hearing at 6:30p.m.

The budget for 2026-2027 was presented and discussed. There were no changes made to the presented budgets. There were no comments from the guests attending.

Budget Hearing was closed at 6:38 P.M. and the regular meeting re-opened at 6:38 P.M.

Motion by Margrif, seconded by Smoke to adopt the following resolutions, by consent agenda for the budget year 2026-2027:

To enact the General Appropriations Act for the General Fund Budget year 2026-2027 General Fund Revenue - \$1,002,478. General Fund Expenditures - \$1,002,478.

To enact the General Appropriations Act for the Special Fire Assessment Fund Budget Year 2026-2027. Special Fire Assessment Revenues - \$283,999. Special Fire Assessment Expenditures - \$283,999.

To enact the General Appropriations Act for the Special Assessment Garbage Fund Budget Year 2026-2027. Special Assessment Garbage Revenue - \$273,339. Special Assessment Garbage Expenditures \$263,868.

To set the Township meeting, times and places for the 2026-2027 year. Forest Township Board of Trustees meeting is the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 P.M. Planning Commission Board meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. Zoning Board of Appeals will be the Third Tuesday of the month as needed. All meetings will be held at the Forest Township Hall, 130 E. Main St. Otisville. Meetings dates, times and location will be posted if changed.

To use Huntington Bank for investments and checking for the 2026-2027 year.

To use Frankenmuth Credit Union for investments and checking for the 2026-2027 year.

To use PNC Bank for investments and checking for the 2026-2027 year.

To Approve the .8784 Tax Levy 2026-2027 tax year as presented from the Assessor. Roll call vote: Margrif, yes; Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Mills, yes; Price, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Martin, to accept the retirement of Robert Jennings from the Forest township fire department as of February 17, 2026. All yes, motion carried.

New phone system tabled.

Motion by Margrif, seconded by Mills, to accept the mowing contract as presented from Creative Lawn and Landscaping for the 2026 season with changes from 2025 year. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Mills, yes; Price, yes; Margrif, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Mills, to adopt a resolution to keep the In Lieu of insurance the same with no changes from last year at \$1,588. Roll call vote: Price, yes; Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Mills, yes; Margrif, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Margrif, to adopt a resolution to allow the supervisor to reach out to township lawyer to see if we can get a copy of the standalone ordinance for jake breaking. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to allow the Forest Township planning commission to go forward with the new amendments for zoning ordinance. All yes, motion carried.

Supervisor Price adjourned the meeting at 7:26 P.M.

Submitted by Lisa Margrif