

Town of Foster Annual Meeting April 27th, 2026

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Cullen at 7:00 p.m. with Ed Irish, Gilbert Voelker, Penny Gehrke and Carol Poehnlein present. Twelve residents were present.

Clerk, Penny Gehrke, read the minutes from the 2025 Annual meeting. Judy Lund made a motion to accept the minutes and second by Scott Cullen. All Aye.

Judy Lund mentioned the attendance of our chairman attending Crime Stoppers meetings at a cost of \$35.00 per meeting. Judy expressed her feelings that it was an unnecessary cost to the township. Her reasoning for this is that we call the police for assistance not Crime Stoppers. There was a lengthy discussion as to the pros and cons of the chairman attending these meetings. The discussion went to a vote with four opposing and eight supporting. Chairman will continue attending Crime Stoppers meetings.

An Annual Financial report was available for everyone to look over. Scott Cullen made a motion to accept the report, and it was second by Judy Lund. All Aye

Board Wages was our next discussion. Clerk, Penny Gehrke, had written up a proposed option for regular increases to the board's salaries and wages. First, we started with the Chairman's wage. After a long discussion we suggested 2 options:

- a. \$5,000/yr salary along with \$40.00/mtg.
- b. \$4,000/yr salary along with \$15.00/hr. and \$40.00/mtg.

A vote was called by show of hand:

Option a.) six votes.

Option b.) four votes

All meetings for board were also voted to increase from \$35.00/mtg. to \$40.00/mtg. Decision was made by majority of vote of electors present.

Scott Ellison made a motion to accept Option a., and it was seconded by Judy Lund.

Judy Lund made a motion to increase Clerk's salary from \$6,000.00 to \$6,500.00. Scott Ellison seconded it. All Aye.

Judy Lund made a motion to increase Treasurer's salary from \$4,000.00 to \$4,500.00. Scott Ellison seconded it. All Aye.

These changes in wages will not take place until April 2027.

Next discussion was regarding the Greenwood Fire Department purchasing a new Fire Truck. On 3/26/2025 Greenwood Fire Department held a meeting for the purchase of a new Fire Truck to replace a 1993 truck. The new truck will be purchased from S&R Truck LLC. There will be a breakdown of cost between 6 Townships to purchase the new truck.

Del Horn, Greenwood Fire Department, checked with the local banks about a loan with 5% interest for a 5-year loan. Another option was to use what is in the CD for the ambulance and pay that back at 3.5% interest. The second option was chosen.

There were options of paying our portion up front or dividing it into payments. Scott Ellison made a motion to make full payment up front. Judy Lund seconded. All Aye.

Foster Township will issue a check to Greenwood Fire and EMS. Our share of the ambulance CD is \$12,812.76. Our share of the borrowing will be \$27,952.34 for a total of \$40,765.10. A check will be issued at the May 11, 2026, Township meeting.

Scott Cullen reported that Willard Road project has been completed and signed off by Cedar Corporation. J&M Excavating will maintain maintenance of the road until May 2027.

Ed Irish made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gilbert Voelker seconded.

Penny Gehrke, Clerk

Scott Cullen, Chairman