

Town of Foster
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
(AMENDED)

7/14/2025

Board Members Present

Scott Cullen Gilbert Voelker Ed Irish Penny Gehrke Carol Poehnlein

Residents Present-0

Chairman, Scott Cullen, called the meeting to order.

Meeting minutes from 6-12-2025 meeting were approved by Gilbert Voelker, seconded by Ed Irish.

Guest speakers were Nate Beaver from Clark County Forest and Recreation Dept. along with Captain Nate Culpitt from the Black River Correctional Center. They discussed an inmate program for the Rock Dam Campground, where maybe 5-6 times a year crews would come to the campground, with supervision and work in the campground for the day. This would include things such as weed whacking, picking up brush, etc. These crews are currently working in other campgrounds located in Clark County. Motion was made by Gilbert Voelker and seconded by Ed Irish to go forward with this program.

Chairman Scott Cullen discussed the Willard Road Project, which is complete at this point. The final payment of \$450.00 was paid on 7/14/2025. J&M Excavating will do 1 year of maintenance on Willard Road, should there be any concerns.

John Wendorski, Assistant Forest Administrator, from Clark County, is still working on the survey regarding the Karner Blue Butterfly in our area. Once the survey is completed, we will be purchasing “No Mow” signs for Hay Creek Road and Camp Globe Road.

Employee wages were discussed. Gilbert Voelker made a motion to accept a \$2.00/hr. ~~across the board~~ raise for the Hwy maintenance workers and a \$6.00/hr. raise for any mechanical work done. Ed Irish seconded the motion. The last wage increase was in June 2022. (See attachment of new wage rates).

Dates for the Board of Review were confirmed with Jeremy Kurtzweil, Assessor. The dates are August 9th for Open Book 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and August 16th 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. for Board of Review. Both will be held at the Rod & Gun Club.

Ed Irish provided the road report and equipment report. The Willard roads are good. Ed Irish and Scott Cullen will be doing the Paser Rating on our township roads. **PASER testing refers to the** Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating system, a visual method used to assess the condition of road pavement.

A motion was made by Ed Irish to approve expenditures and seconded by Gilbert Voelker.

The Treasures report was given by Carol Poehnlein and approved by the board.

Clerk's report was given by Penny Gehrke. She will begin working on the 2026 budget in August. She also mentioned that she is a notary and available to our township residents at no charge, should anyone need a notary.

Upcoming Meetings: The next board meeting will be held August 11th @ 7:00 PM.

We are having a few difficulties with our web site, but we are working on it and hopefully it will be up and running soon. Thank you for your patience.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gilbert Voelker and seconded by Ed Irish.

Submitted by;

Penny Gehrke – Town Clerk

Scott Cullen - Chairman
