Meeting Minutes

Forest County Land & Water Resources

RV Ordinance Public Hearing

Tuesday November 17th 5:00 pm

1. The call to order was given by Chairman Karl Tauer at 5:00p.m. In room 107 of the Forest County Courthouse. The Roll was called; members present were Chairman Karl Tauer, Committee members Lance Laabs, Larry Sommer, Mike Albrecht, Cheri Collins, Larry Berg, & Paul Millan. Administrator Pam LaBine and Technician Bill Lester were also present. Members of the public included; Roxanne Brewer, Mike Macauley, Cyndy Macauley, Sandy Connor.
2. Motion by Mike Albrecht to approve Agenda. Second by Larry Berg. All in favor. Motion approved.
3. Confirmed Compliance with Open Meetings & Public Hearing Requirements. Both Mailing Affidavits were presented to the committee.
4. Committee informed the public they will be allotted 5 minutes per speaker and extra time will be allowed for further issues/discussion if needed.
5. Motion by Mike Albrecht to open the Public Hearing. Second by Lance Laabs, All in favor. Motion Approved
6. Everyone in attendance has read the Ordinance.
7. Pam LaBine explained the purpose behind this ordinance is that we have a lot of landowners who own properties in the county who use Forest Counties emergency services (Police, Fire, EMT), garbage/recycling, etc at no cost. This ordinance is a way to retrieve some of those costs.
8. Statements from the floor:

* Mike & Cindy Macauley along with Sandy Connor voiced their concern on how this ordinance will affect their current situation. They currently have seven campers on a property approx. 73 acres in size. Pam explained that due to the three family members being residents with homes in Forest County they are allowed 3 exemptions, and would only need to purchase the remaining 4 RV permits. They also have the alternative opportunity to apply for a Campground permit through the DNR which would bypass the requirement for any of the RV permits needed through the county.
* Roxanne Brewer was also concerned how this would affect the families in town that would like to store more than one camper on their property. It was explained to her that each landowner with a home in Forest County will be allowed one exemption and that you’re allowed more than one camper per lot as long as you have enough acreage.
  + Roxanne was also concerned with enforcement. Pam Stated that in January we get our new updated aerial photos, which with the help of the towns will allow us to locate the majority of the campers. We will be actively working on any problems/concerns that may arise during the implementation of this ordinance. Each landowner applying for this permit must first be required to have a fire number. Also we will allow outhouses on the property if no water will be used.

1. Pam then read the emails/letters from the towns voicing their feedback. See attached.
2. No further comments.
3. Motion by Larry Berg to adjourn public hearing at 5:30. Second by Larry Sommer. All in favor. Motion Approved.

Minutes Submitted by Bill Lester