

SLT MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 14th, 2026

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Dale Lewis, Dan Hanson, Tammy Ziegler, Ronola Richards, Paulette Johnson

GUESTS: Joe and Aden Rydell: Reference drainage issue by Spruce Lodge Presented options to remedy drainage issue.

READING OF MONTHLY MINUTES: Motion was made by Dan Hanson to approve reading of the minutes. Seconded by Dale Lewis.

READING AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS: Bank balance as of December 31st, 2025, was \$202,416.58. Grader Loan balance as of December 31st, 2025, was \$53,725.34. Motion made by Dale Lewis to approve the financials. Seconded by Dan Hanson.

READING/APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL BY TREASURER: Motion to approve claims and payroll made by Dale Lewis. Seconded by Dan Hanson.

MOTORIZED AND EQUIPEMENT MAINTENANCE REPORT: Next report is due February 2026.

SUSPENSE DATES:

All Year End Reports due and payments by Jan 31st. (MATIT Work Comp Payroll Audit, Federal and State Payroll reports for the 4th quarter, Last day to give w-2's to employees, Year-end fed withholding tax reports with copies of W-2's to IRS and State. MN unemployment and Paid leave quarterly reports) MAT dues payment, MATIT Workers Comp Renewal.

Jan 13th. Last day for candidate filing for March election

Jan 14th. Last day for candidate to withdraw from March election

OLD BUSINESS:

- New invoice received from Perham EMS for second half financial contribution in the amount of \$20,790.00. Total paid in 2025 \$43,730.00. Perham EMS has requested an additional \$5,254.43 for ambulance refurbishment which was done in 2025. Motion made by Dale Lewis to pay \$20,790 balance due for 2025. Seconded by Tammy Ziegler. Perham EMS requested townships vote via email for a special grant. Vote cannot take place via email per open meeting laws

NEW BUSINESS:

- Move funds into higher yielding account? Paulette Johnson presented rates from various banking establishments. She will verify with banks on early withdraw penalties.
- Stoll Cartway Update: Paulette Johnson to contact town attorney for further direction.
- Future Upgrade to Force America Plow (truck control unit for plows & salt spreader) Plow truck spinner motor for sand spread was not working. Had it serviced, but unit is old and parts are hard to find. Cost for upgrade would be approx. \$3000. Motion made by Tammy Ziegler to give Dale Lewis the approval to make upgrade if needed. Seconded by Dan Hanson.
- March Annual Meeting: November 2026 Meeting Date Conflict with Veterans Day. Board approved to move November meeting date to Tuesday, Nov 10th. Levy increase? (2026 COLA increase is 2.8%) Financial info was presented to board for consideration on levy increase for 2027.
- Motion made and resolution established for SLT to pay the full .66 of amount for Paid Leave Account.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Arvig installing cable along right-of-way of 395th. See map
- Liz Mickelson, New Deputy Administrate of the Finance, Property and License Mngt Services Team, OTC Replaces Kris Vipond who was interim Deputy Admin since Wayne Steins, retirement last year.
- OTC Resolution for \$2.00 per pocket gopher. See payment stipulations in OTC Resolution 2026-11. Star Lake to establish resolution for pocket gophers.
- Dale Lewis to get estimate to add water spigot inside garage.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 11th, 6:00

ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn made by Tammy Ziegler. Seconded by Dan Hanson. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.