

**STAR LAKE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

- **Call the Meeting to Order – Clerk** The 2026 Annual meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Election results – Board of Canvass to meet on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, to certify results** Jolene Kerr, a write-in-candidate received 32 votes. Tammy Ziegler, the incumbent, received 53 votes. Results were verified by Election Judges, Mary Pfeffer, Kathy Harthun and head judge, Paulette Johnson
- **Election of Moderator – Clerk** Yvette Lewis nominated by the clerk, Paulette Johnson and seconded by Lee Mindemann
- Yvette read welcoming memo. Mentioned the number of registered voters in SLT. Strongly suggested more people attend monthly meeting. Less than 5% of registered voters attend the meetings. She covered the rules of the meeting: Please have phones on silent, remarks limited to 5 minutes per person and please state name for the meeting minutes.
- **Reading of 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes** No questions on the minutes from 2025
- **Read the Agenda for Rest of Meeting – Moderator**
- **Board of Audit: Synopsis of financial standing. Electorate may waive reading of checks & claims.** Financial Recap presented. See attached.
- **Road Report – Roads overall are in good shape.** Spring road inspection will take place once the frost is out. Beaver Dam Trail is a continual issue. Dale Lewis, supervisor, is following up with engineering dept on issue. Couple culverts need to be replaced. (Spruce Lodge, and Ditch 55) See attached road report. Estimate gravel costs for 2026 \$31,100. This estimate is based on 2025 gravel costs.
- **Supervisor Comments** No further comments by Tammy Ziegler or Dale Lewis
- **Motion to Set 2027 Annual Levy:** Mary Stone made a motion to leave levy as is. Paul Pfeffer, seconded it. All in favor stated Yea, the motion passed.

**Approved 2026 levy was as follows:**

General Government	\$100,000
Roads	\$155,600
Fire	\$13,500
EMS	\$8400

TOTAL

\$277,500

- **General Discussion of Items of Concern** A suggestion was made to get bids from other gravel companies. Lee Mindemann said we've gone with Egge's for service and close proximity in past years, but the Board will discuss it at monthly meeting. Questions were asked about the fuel increase and 2025 Perham EMS payments and future payments for 2026. SLT opted out of the joint powers board and there were a few questions regarding that such as will SLT be asked to make any more payments and will SLT opting out prevent EMS service to SLT., (there will be no additional payments over the approximate \$13,100 Perham EMS is requesting for 2026 and service will not be denied).
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- **Motion is requested to authorize the town board to expend up to \$1,000.00 for social, health, or recreational services** – Brenda Ebanks motioned to approve it and Lee Mindemann seconded it.
- **Motion is requested to set a starting time of 10:00 AM for any State or Federal Election. Polling hours to be 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM for such elections.** Emily Riley motioned to approve polling hours and it was seconded by Chris Hovack.
- **Motion is requested to set date, time, and location for next annual meeting for March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2027, at 8:15 PM, 31010 380th St Dent** Motion made by Brenda Ebanks to set March 9<sup>th</sup> as the next annual meeting and it was seconded Allana VanWatermullen.
- **Other Business** - No other business was addressed.
- **Motion to Adjourn - (or continue at a later date – if meeting to continue, date, time and location must be set and motion to approve must be made.)** Motion to adjourn was made by Tyler Riley, and seconded by Lee Mindemann. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM

# 2025 FINANCIAL RECAP FOR STAR LAKE TOWNSHIP

**Total Revenue:** General Fund -- \$69,594.08

Road & Bridge -- \$192,299.22

Misc -- \$12,930

**TOTAL:** \$247,823.30

**Total Disbursements:** General Fund -- \$157,180.37

Road & Bridge -- \$119,722.93

Misc -- \$67,354.90

**TOTAL:** \$344,258.20

Difference: **\$96,434.90**

Bank Balance: as of 2/28/26, \$190,083.61

## EXPENSES FOR 2025 GREATER THAN \$5,000

**Payroll:** Board Members -- \$29,805.75

Road and Townhall Maintenance Personnel-- \$34,752.50

**Payroll Taxes:** \$15,487.23 (breakdown can be provided if requested)

**Insurance:** \$6,188.00

**Road Grader Payments:** \$21,440 regular payments. Principal only payments: \$34.00

Loan Balance as of 2/28/26, \$53,725.34

**EMS:** \$43,730 **2026 payments due: \$13,661.32**

**Fire Contract:** \$15,100 **12 % increase from 2025**

**Fuel:** \$12,750 **Approximate 50% increase over 2024**

**Egge Gravel:** \$42,158.68 2025 price \$8.92 and \$11.25 per yd. (depends on service area).  
2026 price \$9.75 and \$12.85 per yd. **9.5% - 14% increase. Plus fuel surcharge if gas prices exceed \$4.50 per gallon.**

**Equipment Repair and Maintenance:** \$10,275.54

**Lake Region Electric:** **10% increase for 2026**

**OTC COLA 5.57%**

**Federal COLA 2.8%**