

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
Haven Township – February 17, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Haven Town Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Randy Linn. Members present: Supervisor Randy Linn, Supervisor Joseph Then, Supervisor Eric Meyer (via virtual), Supervisor Kari Watkins, Ben Oleson (Hometown Planning via virtual), Treasurer Viki Monroe and Clerk Tammy Schefers. There were three people who attended virtually. There were two people who attended in person.

**PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE**

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT**

Sergeant Aaron Sturm reported that there were 97 incidents for the month of January 2026. He reviewed and summarized the report with the board members and answered any questions.

**OPEN FORUM (Time for Residents to Ask the Board Questions)**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Kari Watkins made a motion to accept and approve the agenda. Supervisor Joseph Then seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer - Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

Supervisor Joseph Then made a motion to approve the January 20, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes with the rest of the consent agenda. Supervisor Kari Watkins seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Just for reference; Sherburne County sends an e-mail report of permits each month to the Clerk for all the Townships. There were 3 permits for Haven Township this month.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Hansen IUP – Legal Update** – Supervisor Eric Meyer stated that he is working with legal counsel and written correspondence will be sent out to them.

**Amrize** – The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is still in process. There are no further new updates.

**Haven Township Planning Commission Update** – Collin Gau spoke to the board members and gave them an informational update of the last meeting. He made the comment that Ben Oleson had given the board members a summary of the meeting to review which was helpful. He also made the comment that the Planning Commission Committee feels that there needs to be a Public Hearing held in regards to the Orderly Annexation Agreement before the Haven Board Members make any final decisions.

**Ben Oleson (Hometown Planning) -**

**K & C Auto/Import Motors Auto** – Ben Olsen made the comment that he has tried to reach out to them to see the status of the Interim Use Permit Application. Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that he is working with legal counsel on this issue. There will be legal written correspondence going to this company.

**Wiilo Event Center** – Ben Oleson made the comment that he is waiting for them to comply with all the conditions. He did speak to a representative from this company and there are still issues with the septic system compliance and also other open items. Supervisor Eric Meyer will talk to legal counsel on this to see the next step of what the township can do, to move this along.

**Mining Ordinance** – Ben Oleson made the comment that he has no new updates.

**Variance Request** – Ben Oleson made the comment that Sherburne County has sent out a communication letter to Haven Township for two variance requests on PID #25-00406-0106. He will review these requests and work with the applicant. The Haven Township Planning Commission Committee will also place this on their next monthly meeting agenda. Supervisor Eric Meyer will contact the Sherburne County Board of Adjustments Chairperson to discuss this property.

**PUBLIC HEARING (Communication that the Board Notified Residents)**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS**

**Supervisor (Chairperson) Eric Meyer**

Orderly Annexation with the City of St. Cloud – Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that he was thinking of inviting the City of St. Cloud to the next Haven Planning Commission Meeting to discuss the draft Orderly Annexation Agreement. There are several moving pieces that need to be discussed. The board thought this was a good idea. He will reach out to the City of St. Cloud and see if they can make it to the March 10, 2026 meeting at 4:00 p.m.

**Supervisor Randy Linn** – Supervisor Randy Linn discussed the final totals for the Annual 2027 Levy. After discussion on this, Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to accept, approve, and present the proposed levy at the Annual Township Meeting.

The Levy that will be presented is:

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| General Fund  | \$152,500.00        |
| Road Fund     | \$141,500.00        |
| Fire Fund     | \$ 64,900.00        |
| Bond Fund     | <u>\$276,100.00</u> |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>\$635,000.00</b> |

Supervisor Joseph Then seconded this motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

Supervisor Randy Linn also made the comment that he attended the Sauk Rapids Fire Meeting to discuss the renewal of the township contract with them for another two years. He also discussed if part of Haven Township would be annexed into the city limits if that could be taken into consideration. This is for a two year contract. The first year 2026 would be a total of \$55,245.00 and 2<sup>nd</sup> year 2027 would be a total of \$57,547.00 for the base rate. Another cost included in the contract is for the first hour of service, if needed, is \$530.00 and then \$360.00 per hour after that. Supervisor Randy Linn will connect with the Sauk Rapids Fire Department and get a revised contract that includes the annexation of properties in it and have it ready for review at the March board meeting.

**Supervisor Joseph Then** – Supervisor Joseph Then reported that he attended the Minnesota Department of Transportation Highway 10 Preliminary Design Project Meeting. He addressed that they have narrowed the project down to 3 locations for the interchange. They will have more discussion, meetings and public input this spring. Supervisor Joseph Then also made the comment that he will be getting proposals together to start working on spring road projects.

**Supervisor Joseph Sexton** – Not Present at this Meeting

**Supervisor Kari Watkins** – Supervisor Kari Watkins made the comment that she missed the deadline to take the Board of Appeal & Equalization training, but she will for next year. She also made the comment that she went to the Sherburne County Association of Township Meeting (SCAT). At that meeting it was mentioned that the SCAT may reimburse each township for one board member who attended the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) conference. Supervisor Kari Watkins asked the clerk to research this. Supervisor Kari Watkins asked if anyone completed the weed inspection report yet. Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that he has done the report in the past and will complete it again and send it off to the county.

#### **TREASURER UPDATE**

The Treasurer reviewed the January Cash Control Statement; Receipt Register and Disbursement Register with the Supervisors.

#### **CLAIMS LIST FOR APPROVAL**

Supervisor Kari Watkins made a motion to accept and approve the claims 26024-26044 totaling \$31,521.61 as presented for the month of February. This motion will also include

adding the banking service fees for the end of the month when the statements arrive. Supervisor Joseph Then seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

**CLERK UPDATE**

The Haven Township Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Haven Township Hall.

The Local Board of Appeal & Equalization will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at the Haven Township Hall.

The Haven Township Annual Clean-Up Day is set for Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the Haven Township Hall from 8:00 a.m. – Noon.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

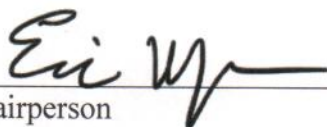
MN Association of Townships – Online Training / Newsletter Updates / Meetings  
Sherburne County Planning & Zoning – Public Hearings  
Sherburne County Association of Township Meeting Agenda  
Sherburne County Connect Meeting Agenda  
Highway 10 Prelim Design - TAC  
Voice Mails & E-mails from Residents

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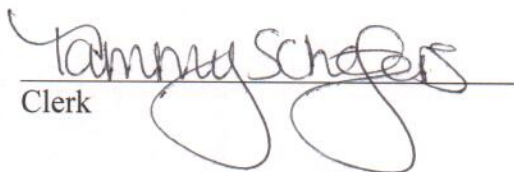
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**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Supervisor Joseph Then seconded by Supervisor Eric Meyer to adjourn the meeting. Role Call was taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

  
Chairperson

3-16-26  
Date

  
Clerk

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