

**Warsaw Township**  
Township Board Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2022

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Madsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Members Present:** Duwain Eglund, Larry Madsen, Emery Maher, Diane McCorkell and Darla Frandrup

**Others Present:** Bob Flom, Jake Chapek, and Cassandra O'Hern

**2. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

Motion made by Supervisor Emery to approve the minutes as read; Supervisor Duwain seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

- Jake Chapek approached the Board with a building permit request to build a hoop shed on his property located at 4730 Sogn Valley Trail, Dennison. Supervisor Maher moved to approve the building permit as submitted; Supervisor Eglund seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.
- Stanton Township asked how we would like to handle the 2023 Road Certification? Last year Warsaw did not claim the approximate 2,048 feet in length in Stanton Township on our Road Certification form that we maintain. This would mean approximately a \$20 increase in road funds from the County. Warsaw will keep our road mileage for 2023 the same as this year.
- Quick update from the Township Tuesday Meetings:
  - 1) Currently Townships are receiving 6% of 51 million for our gas tax. MAT is lobbying for an increase to 15%. Individual Townships receive about \$1,000 a mile. Jeff Kruger will keep us posted. Also, they are talking about the electric vehicles and how they would contribute to this tax.
  - 2) ARPA – we need to have our funds obligated to a project by 12/31/2024. We have until 2026 for the final payments.
- Cassandra O'Hern on behalf of the Planning Commission presented the proposed updates to the Ordinances. The updates have been reviewed by the Township attorney and shared at a public hearing. A summary of changes is included at the end of these minutes. Supervisor Maher moved to approve the changes as submitted; Supervisor Eglund seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried. Darla will send the final draft to the attorney and update the Township zoning map to include the designated R1 zoning in Sogn Valley. The Board thanked the Planning Commission for all of their hard work.
- Duwain and Emery are attending the Cannon Falls Fire meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 2023 rates. The City of Cannon Falls is proposing increases in the Township contracts that the Fire Department would like to discuss before accepting.
- Northfield Township has proposed sharing the road maintenance south of Dennison on Goodhue Avenue. The cost of rock has become increasingly expensive and it's a heavily traveled road. They would like to have a joint meeting to talk it over.
- Goodhue County Sheriff stopped to check in. There was a concern about a truck regularly parked on Township property and transporting wood between the Township buildings. The vehicle may be towed if parked there again.

**4. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Emery to adjourn the meeting; Duwain seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved on December 12, 2022

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Larry Madsen, Chairman

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Darla Frandrup, Clerk

## Summary of Ordinance Amendments

1. Part 3.3: update the date of the County ordinance incorporated by reference.
2. Part 5.1: Added ability for Town Board to determine a virtual/electronic process rather than “in person.”
3. Chapter VI: Reworked entire chapter but most of the content is the same as previous Ordinance:
  - a. Part 6.1: the process for Ordinance or zoning amendments is the same
    - i. Clarified procedure
  - b. Part 6.2: Combined Conditional Use and Interim Use Permit process into one Part (it was two previously).
    - i. Clarified procedure
  - c. Part 6.3: clarified the procedure for the variance process
  - d. Part 4: added that the Town Board may submit a building permit application to the planning commissioner to determine whether the proposed use is allowable under the ordinance.
4. Part 7.1: added “No other zoning districts are allowed under this Ordinance.”
  - a. Subp. 7.5.4: Accessory Structures. Added “Any accessory structure that is not located on the same property as a dwelling must apply for a conditional use permit as provided in Part 6.3.”
5. Part 7.9: changed “Permitted” to “Allowed” to avoid the confusion about a permitted (allowed use) that does not need a permit vs. a permitted (as in, received a permit such as a CUP) use.
6. Part 8.2: Updated the mineral extraction section. Used the previous Township Ordinance as the base language but included language from the County where it made sense to do so. Did not change the general restrictions.
7. Part 8.3 Solar Energy Systems is new. The language is primarily adapted from the County ordinance except that utility scale energy systems are not allowed.

District	Utility Scale Energy Systems	Commercial Scale Energy Systems	Residential Scale Energy Systems
Agriculture Protection (A-1)	NP	C	P
Agriculture (A-2)	NP	C	P
Suburban Residence (R-1)	NP	NP	P
Wetlands (W)	NP	NP	NP

(P=Permitted, C=Conditionally or Interim Permitted, NP=Not Permitted)

8. Part 8.4 Wind Energy Conversion Systems is new. The language is primarily adapted from the County ordinance except only systems that have a total nameplate capacity of 1 megawatt or less are allowed.

District	Non-Commercial Micro WECS	Non-Commercial	Meteorological Tower	Number Permitted (Each Property)
Agriculture Protection (A-1)	P	C	P	1
Agriculture (A-2)	P	C	P	1
Suburban Residence (R-1)	P	C	P	1

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9. Subp. 10.3.1 is new and provides a process (which did not exist previously) to the Enforcement section.