

**Warsaw Township**  
Township Board Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2023

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

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

**Others Present:** Bob Flom, Cliff Gergen, Kyle Aryes, Dina Fesler & Cynthia Bennett.

**2. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

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

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

Cliff Gergen approached the Board with a building permit request to build a shed on his property located at 35865 Hwy 56 Blvd. Dennison. The drawing he presented did not have the setbacks accurately measured so Emery will do a site inspection to confirm setbacks are met.

Matthees propane contract for 2023-2024 will be \$1.40. Darla will send in the contract.

Darla and Diane have spent hours going through files in the Hall. They have recorded the documents that have been destroyed by using the rules set forth by MAT (Minnesota Association of Townships). There is still organization to do, but the completion of this project will make files much easier to locate and reduce the amount of paperwork.

Darla sent the 2024 Levy Certification (\$240,000) that was voted and passed at the Annual Meeting to the County.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue has certified the 2024 amounts for Town Aid, Warsaw will receive \$4,587. Town Aid is a general-purpose aid that can be used for any lawful expenditure and is intended to provide property tax relief.

The 2023 legislature approved \$1.25 million to be allocated per year for expenses directly related to holding elections. We have two options for receiving the funds. We could directly receive \$43 annually and continue to be charged the annual license fees of \$480 for the DS200 and Omniballot. If Warsaw enters an agreement with the County, we would not be billed the annual license fees and the County would keep the \$43. Supervisor Egland moved to approve the agreement allowing the County to keep

Warsaw's funds and not bill the Township for maintenance contracts; Supervisor Madsen seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation announced a Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) for road funding assistance. Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) solicitation will open September 12, 2023. A total of \$102.967 million in LRIP funds are available for funding with 6 million going directly to Townships to assist with construction, reconstruction, or reconditioning projects for counties, state aid cities, non-state aid cities, townships, and federally recognized Indian Tribes. The maximum award amount available is \$1.5 million for each project. Emery would like to inquire if these funds might help fund the replacement of a culvert on Warsaw Trail. Darla and Emery will join the webinar to gather more information.

Dina Fesler has been doing research on community engagement with a few residents of the Township. She found that the people she spoke with were not aware they could sign up for the Township mailing list at elections. Darla will make sure this is more visible at the 2024 elections. Dina feels that democracy is important and for people to be involved and feels the Township should do more community outreach. The supervisors and a few meeting attendees feel most residents would come to meetings if they were looking to be more involved and are satisfied with the current level of outreach. In response to Dina's request for more engagement the Township will begin mailing annual letters to residents and try to collect more email addresses and continue the monthly email with the agenda and any other important news. All of the agendas and minutes are posted on warsawtownship.com and getting word out about the website and collecting email addresses will be a priority on the annual mailing.

**4. ADJOURN**

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

Approved on September 11, 2023

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Emery Maher, Chairman

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Darla Frandrup, Clerk