

Warsaw Township

Township Board Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Eglund 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

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sheriff's Office Update

A deputy from the Sheriff's office stopped by to provide updates and answer questions. He mentioned that the office is currently training 5 to 6 new officers, so we can expect to see some new faces. He encouraged reaching out with any comments or concerns.

2. County Commissioner Update

Todd Greseth, County Commissioner for our district, checked in with the Township. He provided a budget update, noting the preliminary budget is set at 4.6% increase, though there may be room for a reduction. This year's budget has increased from \$77 million to \$94 million. Areas under consideration for cuts include roads, the sheriff's department, and health and human services. Police contracts were underpaid, but adjustments are being made. Todd confirmed that there will not be a new location for the demo landfill, and that he will investigate disposal options for demolition materials.

3. Building Permit Request

Kyle Ayres requested a building permit for a 58x60 foot house on 53rd Avenue Way.

- **Motion:** Supervisor Emery moved to approve the permit, seconded by Supervisor Duwain.
- **Vote:** All in favor; motion carried.

4. Nerstrand Fire Department Contract

The 2025 contract for \$7,846.66, a 5% increase from 2024, was reviewed.

- **Motion:** Supervisor Duwain moved to approve the contract, seconded by Supervisor Emery.
- **Vote:** All in favor; motion carried.
A question was raised about why the Dennison Station is not included in the contract and whether this affects insurance rates.

5. FEMA Application Update

Darla and Bob provided an update on the FEMA application. Details on the progress were discussed and the application is about 80% complete. The Township will receive around \$30,000 in reimbursements from the June flooding..

6. Shared Road Agreement with Northfield Township

A shared road agreement was signed with Northfield Township. Northfield will handle tree clearing north of Braun's well and provide 4 semi loads of rock. Warsaw Township agreed to clean out the ditch by Koester's. There was discussion on plowing the 1600 feet north of Dennison, with Warsaw taking responsibility due to the lack of a turn-around.

- **Motion:** Supervisor Larry moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Supervisor Emery.
- **Vote:** All in favor; motion carried.

7. Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting

- **Motion:** Supervisor Duwain moved to sign the resolution to hold the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting at Warsaw Town Hall in 2025, seconded by Supervisor Emery.
- **Vote:** All in favor; motion carried.
Darla will send the training link to the Supervisors, with training to be completed by February 1, 2025. By law, at least one voting member of every Board of Appeal and Equalization must have taken the training within four years. Training must be completed by February 1 of the year in which the board member will hear appeals.

8. Variance Request for Kyle Ayres (Parcel 45.026.0200)

Kyle Ayres applied for a variance with Goodhue County to approve his driveway, which exceeds the 14% grade limit. Bob Flom noted that the Township's concern is with the intersections of driveways and township roads and this driveway would not impact that. A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, September 23rd, at 5 PM.

9. Road Report

Bob reported that Kielemeyer may need to put down additional loads to use up the allocated 2024 rock. The Township truck was repaired and is now functioning well. Bob has been using the new mower, which is working efficiently.

10. Adjournment

- **Motion:** Supervisor Duwain moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Larry.
- **Vote:** All in favor; motion carried.

Approved on 10/14/2024

Duwain Eglund, Chairman

Darla Frandrup, Clerk

