

**Warsaw Township
Township Board Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Duwain Egland, Larry Madsen, Emery Maher, Diane McCorkell, Darla Frandrup, and Road Supervisor Bob Flom

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Emery to approve the minutes as read; Supervisor Egland seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Permit

Kent Peine approached the Board with a building permit request to build a replacement shed on his property. Kent did not have the setbacks recorded, so after reviewing the GIS, it was determined the shed would need to be moved to meet setback requirements. Kent agreed to this and will contact Emery for an inspection when he is ready to install the stakes. Supervisor Duwain moved to approve the building permit as submitted, contingent upon completion of the inspection; Supervisor Emery seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Update from Sheriff's Office

The Sheriff's Office reported they are currently down two deputies. There are concerns that, due to recent budget discussions, the positions might not be replaced. If not, the department will be short during the night shift, potentially affecting officer safety and response times.

It was also reported that an abandoned homestead near the township (though not within its borders) has been attracting vagrants coming from Faribault. The Board was advised to remain aware of the situation.

Update from MnDOT and County: Hwy 56 & 9 Intersection Safety

The Sheriff's Office reported that most accidents at this intersection are caused by drivers running the stop sign while traveling east and west. Proposals to improve safety include installing a larger stop sign with flashing lights, cutting down the hill approaching from the south for better visibility, and removing additional trees around the intersection.

Traffic volume has increased by 50% since 2018, from 1,600 to 2,400 cars per day. Similar upgrades at an intersection in Red Wing have reduced accidents, so this may be an effective solution here as well.

Review of Stanton Township Road Agreement

The Board reviewed the updated Stanton Township shared road agreement and made the following changes:

- Cost of rock on the road will be split evenly.
- Cost of tree removal will be split evenly.
- Cost of replacing road signs will be split evenly.

Darla will update the contract and bring it to the next meeting for approval before sharing it with Stanton Township.

Town Hall Parking Lot Improvements

Bob and Emery have been working with the County on an Access Permit to move and widen the current driveway. The permit has been approved. Because large equipment uses our lot frequently, wider access is necessary for safety.

This change increases concrete costs slightly. Plans include 180 square feet of concrete and 6,200 square feet of tar at a compacted depth of 3.5 inches. Dohlman will complete the concrete work, and Bill's Blacktop will handle the tar. Emery will contact the telephone company to move the utility box.

Board's Updated ESST Policy

After discussion on how to comply with the new ESST law while staying within budget and policy limits, the Board decided to consult a CPA for assistance drafting the policy. Emery will reach out to a CPA and report back to Darla and Diane.

Other Business

Darla will order window shades for the Town Hall, and Emery will install them.

ACCEPT BILLS AND SIGN CHECKS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Duwain to adjourn the meeting; Supervisor Emery seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Approved on October 13, 2025

Larry Madsen, Chairman

Darla Frandrup, Clerk
