



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 7:00 PM  
Held at Maple Lake Township Hall

The regular meeting of the Maple Lake Township Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Hackenmueller at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Phillip Rasset, Supervisor Vern Haag, and Treasurer Renae Neumann were present.

The minutes from the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 regular board meeting minutes were presented. A motion was made by Haag, seconded by Rasset to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Checks 5467-5474 and EFT 212-215 were presented to the Board for approval and payment. A motion was offered by Haag, seconded by Rasset to approve, and pay the checks as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Maintenance Report - Maintenance staff have been mowing the ditches and picking up trash left in them. The grader will need new tires soon.

Jacob Swanson (5880 & 5922 Elder Ave NW) Came for a lot line adjustment to alter the property lines between PID 210-016-000010 and 210-000-04220. There was a motion made by Haag, seconded by Rasset to approve the lot line adjustment as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

U.S. Solar (210-000-082300) Emily Neuharth came to discuss the plans to build a solar farm. The request is for an Interim Use Permit to allow the construction of a 3 MW solar energy farm. There was discussion as to who maintains it and if tree's will be planted. There was a motion made by Haag, seconded by Hackenmueller to approve of the request, and that the road is to be maintained and restored to current condition without township expense. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Culvert Replacement – Appleton & 60th Street

Discussion was held regarding the culvert replacement. Noel Zander wishes to repair the drain tile running under the road. The matter was tabled until the November meeting when Zander can be present to discuss options.

Gary Dahlmeier (4706 Fillmore Ave NW) A variance is required to construct a 30 ft. x 40 ft. storage building 43.8 ft. from the ordinary high-water of Ramsey Lake (100 ft. required) with the lowest floor elevation at 997.81 ft. NGVD 29 (1000.16 ft. NGVD 29 required). There was a motion made by Haag, seconded by Rasset to approve the request as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

#### MN Paid Family & Medical Leave -

A motion was made by Haag, seconded by Hackenmueller, to approve paying the full MN Paid Family & Medical Leave percentage for all employees. Motion carried 3-0.

The motion was later rescinded, and the topic was tabled until the next meeting.

#### George & Deb Hatfield – (8099 Baker Ave NW, PID: 210-100-234404, 210-100-234405, 210-100-234407)

The request is to rezone the properties from Suburban Residential-a (R2-a) to Suburban Residential (R-2). The board had approved this at a previous meeting and directed that approval be forwarded to Wright County for the variance.



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The Buffalo Fire Department is asking surrounding cities and townships to help fund a new fire truck. The board decided to table the request until next month's meeting, when more information and payment options will be available.

LRIP Grant - The board discussed whether to apply for an LRIP grant to pave a township road. Haag will look further into the grant process and report back at the next meeting.

There was a motion made by Haag, seconded by Rasset to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

Attest,

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Esther Wenzel  
Clerk, Maple Lake Township

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Tom Hackenmueller  
Board Chair, Maple Lake Township