



Special Meeting  
Tuesday, September 16, 2025 – 6:00PM

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The Orrock Township Board met in a special session, on Tuesday September 16th, 2025 at Orrock Town Hall, 26401 180th Street NW, Big Lake, MN.

In attendance were Chair Anne Felber, Supervisors: Paul Ellinger, Peter Owen, Clerk Shelley Erickson and the Township Engineer Kevin Krueger and WSB Engineer Evan Cronk. Also, attending were 21 members in the audience.

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Chair Anne Felber at 6:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

#### **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

*Motion to approve was made by Supervisor Ellinger and seconded by Supervisor Owen. The motion carried, and the meeting agenda was approved.*

#### **SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS**

##### **West Eagle Lake Road Improvement**

##### **Presentation on the general scope and look of the project**

Engineer Kevin Krueger presented the general scope of the West Eagle Lake Road Improvement project. The project area includes 232nd Ave from Co. Rd. 75 to the corner at 188<sup>th</sup> street, and 234th Ave & 188th St NW from Co. Rd. 75 to 232nd Ave.

The project will include several phases:

1. Tree clearing and erosion control installation
2. Pavement reclamation - removing existing pavement and converting to temporary gravel
3. Topsoil stripping
4. Storm sewer installation - including 3 culvert crossings
5. Road building and grading
6. Curb and gutter installation - using B412 curb (4-inch height, 12-inch wide gutter)
7. Fine grading and first lift of pavement
8. Driveway repairs
9. Topsoil replacement and hydroseeding
10. Final lift of pavement

Krueger noted that temporary mailbox banks would be set up during construction, likely at the entrances of the project area. Upon completion, swing-away mailbox posts would be installed for all residents. Residents who wish to keep their existing mailboxes should remove them once construction begins and can reinstall them after new posts are in place.

Regarding tree clearing, some trees might be removed during winter months to protect long-eared bats. The stumps would be removed during the main construction phase.

The road widening plan is to achieve a consistent 22-foot width throughout most of the project area, with the north-south segment of 188th being widened to 20 to 22 feet depending on terrain constraints. Current road widths vary from 16-22 feet.

### **Q&A session regarding the project**

Several questions were raised by residents:

#### **Road Width and Property Impacts:**

- A resident asked about property line surveys. Krueger confirmed they had searched for property pins and verified them with county data and plat information.
- Another resident asked about wetland division contacts, expressing concern about previous wetland disturbances. Krueger clarified they wouldn't be impacting any wetlands. Should wetlands be affected they would require state approval.
- Regarding yards, the contractor would typically need 4-8 feet of space from the edge of the road into yards, with areas receiving curb and gutter requiring more space.
- A resident expressed concern about holding tanks located close to the road (less than 10 feet from the current edge). Krueger requested the resident email specific information so they could note it on the plans.

#### **Timeline and Schedule:**

- Construction is planned to begin in spring 2026, with the goal of avoiding the Memorial Day to Labor Day timeframe as much as possible.
- The project is estimated to take 5-6 weeks from start to finish for major work, with possible cleanup extending longer.
- The project will be bid in January 2026.
- Construction hours will be 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM, though typical workdays would be 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

#### **Specific Area Questions:**

- Residents asked about the intersection at Highway 75 and 230th Avenue, noting its non-right angle creates a hazard with speeding vehicles. Krueger agreed to discuss potential improvements with the county.
- Several questions arose about which culverts would be replaced. Krueger clarified three locations: two on the east end of the looped roads and one by County Road 75 on the south road.
- A resident asked about 234th Avenue needing a street sign that had been missing for over a year. This would be addressed.
- Clarification was provided that the point area on the east end of 232nd Avenue would not be included in the project.

**Project Management:**

- Residents will have access to their properties throughout construction, though there may be temporary delays.
- Garbage collection will continue normally during construction, though there might be occasional difficulties.
- The project will not require additional taxes as it's covered by the township levy.
- Krueger offered to provide project updates through the township website.

Krueger showed maps of the project area indicating the current edge of pavement (red lines), proposed new edge of pavement (green lines), and areas with curb and gutter (blue dotted lines).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

September Board Meeting – Wednesday, Sept. 24th @7PM, Orrock Town Hall

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Ellinger and seconded by Supervisor Owen. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.*

The September Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:03PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shelley Erickson  
Town of Orrock, Clerk

Accepted this 24th day of September 2025 by the Orrock Township Board of Supervisors.

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Anne Felber, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shelley Erickson, Town Clerk