

HAWLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Location: 405 6th St. Hawley

Date: February 10th, 2026

Chairman Daren Tangen opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chairman Daren Tangen, Supervisor Everett Nelson, Supervisor Rick Weaver, Treasurer Alissa Wang, and Clerk Denise Graunke. Also, Mayor Sean Mork attended.

Approval/Additions to the agenda: Nelson asked that registered mail pickup be added to the agenda. Weaver moved to approve the agenda with the addition, Nelson seconded, motion carried.

Public Comment: Mayor Sean Mork said he was there for the annexation discussion.

Clerk's Report: Nelson moved to approve, Weaver second, motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Nelson moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Weaver second, motion passed unanimously.

Building Permits: Nelson had signed one that was an after the fact one the was required by the county.

Presentation of Bills:

1. MN PERA, Quarterly payment, \$102.50, ACH.
2. IRS, 2025 taxes, \$380.66, Check 3035 (written prior to the meeting, approved in January)
3. CJB Law, invoices 33072 and 32789, \$2,170, Check 3036.
4. Hawley Herald, Ad for Candidate filing, conditional use meeting, 25 ballots, \$320, Check 3037.
5. City of Hawley, 2nd half 2025 Hawley Fire (\$6,455) and 1st Quarter 2026 HERT (\$1,039.86), totaling \$7,494.86, Check 3038.
6. CCATO, 2026 Township officer dues, \$150, Check 3039.
7. Cavin Berube, planning commission, \$75, Check 3040
8. Chad Murray, planning commission, \$75, Check 3041.
9. Keith Cederberg, planning commission, \$75, Check 3042
10. Hawley Accounting, 2025 tax (invoice 16141), Check 3043
11. Hawley Old Timers, Feb Rent and Storage, Check 3044

Nelson moved to approve the payment of bills, Weaver second, motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Notice of proposed transmission line project (on agenda today)
2. Clay County Fair (will bring to March annual meeting).
3. Turfmasters Plus notice required by Minnesota Pollution Control Agency of possibly applying deteriorated sugarbeets or sugarbeet by-products in our Township.

4. Sheriff's Office: Public input wanted as Clay County Updates Hazard Mitigation Plan - Clerk to put on window and on website as it has links to survey.
5. Absentee voting: As far as elections, the clerk is to give notice of where people can absentee vote the Saturday before (10am-noon) and the Monday (until 5pm) before the election. Clerk would like to have her residence listed as the clerk's office. Nelson moved to have Clerk's home address as the location for absentee voting, Weaver seconded, motion carried.
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OLD BUSINESS

General Business:

1. Joint Annexation Resolution between Hawley Township and City: discussion with the Mayor regarding the idea of deferred payments with the compounded interest for utilities; he said that would be a question for the city attorney, Zenar Baer. Our attorney will be here at the March meeting, and Mayor Mork said he would encourage Zenas to reach out before the March meeting in case there was some information gathering they could do before that meeting. Clerk to send over today's meeting minutes and the January meeting Minutes. In addition, Nelson mentioned to Mork that the township is still interested in having a joint powers zoning board between the city and township.
2. Website/.gov address: Denise will reach out to Rosedahl public affairs to get their help with this transition.
3. Ekre Conditional Use Permit: planning commission approved it, so it goes to the county. The township planning commission included conditions about maintaining the shared road and limiting unnecessary usage of 40th Ave heading east. Nelson moved to approve, Weaver seconded, motion carried.
4. Heartland Trail recap: There was some discussion at the Heartland Trail meeting as far as using 12th Avenue. The solid waste group is opposed of the proposed route because of the number of their trucks that use 190th St S. There was also some discussion of using part of 28th Ave S. The group is also looking at utilizing portions of existing snowmobile trails. They are working on getting a legal opinion on if the trail group needs to get its own easement or if it can utilize some existing easements for the route.
5. Election Judges Training - Clerk to contact Auditor to confirm offline training accepted since they are not offering any training until July or August. Attorney's bill for Manthe's subdivision: Everett will email Manthe's on the amount billed from the attorney.
6. Registered Mail: One letter from Zenas was missed at the post office back in November. Denise will let Everett know if she hasn't checked the mail in over a week to avoid this in the future.

Road and Bridges:

1. Larson easement Update - this is tabled until March.

2. Fence in road right of way on 50th Ave S - No update.
3. Amendment to Road Gravel Policy, Driveway Access Policy to Attorney: with attorney currently
4. Road Maintenance Policy, Weed Control Policy Postings -

Fire and HERT:

1. Proposed 2027 Fire Budget: having a special meeting this month to look at final payment on new truck and to outfit Polaris with necessary equipment.

Landfill: Organic Compost site: looking at having an organic compost site on the North side of the current building. This would be mostly for commercial organic waste.

Weed and Gopher: None

Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS

General Business:

1. Proposed Transmission Line Project through township - landowners received notices on preliminary route

Road and Bridges: none

Fire and HERT: None

Landfill: None

Weed and Gopher: None

Adjournment: Nelson moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm, Weaver second, motion carried.

Daren Tangen, Chairman

Rick Weaver, Vice-Chairman

Denise Graunke, Clerk
