

HAWLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Location: 405 6th St. Hawley

Date: August 4, 2026

Chairman Rick Weaver opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chairman Rick Weaver, Supervisor Everett Nelson, Supervisor Keith Cederberg, Treasurer Alissa Wang, Clerk Denise Graunke, Geoff Bakken, Claudia Murray, and Karen Hanson.

Approval/Additions to the agenda: Nelson requested addition of 2 items, the arrangements with the current attorney for old business, and the Heartland Trail for new business., Cederberg moved to approve with these additions, Nelson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

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

Treasurer's Report: Nelson moved to approve, Cederberg seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Building Permits: None

Presentation of Bills:

1. Hawley Herald, planning commission notice, \$36, Check 3093
2. LM Road Services, Ditch mowing/spray, \$2,125, Check 3094
3. City of Hawley, 3rd Quarter Hert (\$1,039.86) and 1st half 2026 Fire District (\$8,602.50) for total of \$9,642.36. Check 3095
4. Check 3096 voided, clerical error
5. Victor Lundeen Company, clerk/treasurer forms, \$203.83, Check 3097
6. Karen Erickson, 50% dust control, \$164.70, Check 3098
7. MATIT, CLC insurance (7/1/26-6/30/27), \$1,386, Check 3099
8. Hawley Old Timers, Rent/Storage, \$100, Check 3100
9. Turner Sand and Gravel, invoice 18771, \$67,158.60, Check 3101
10. MN Pera, Quarterly, \$82.50, ACH
11. MN Paid Leave, Quarterly, \$13.04, ACH

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

Correspondence: None.

OLD BUSINESS

General Business:

1. Planning Commission reorganization: Nelson still looking for one more member.
2. Web site, .gov address - Clerk working with domain provider to get redirect setup to .gov address
3. Attorney for township matter: Nelson got a few recommendations and will make calls

Road and Bridges:

1. Turnaround on 4th Ave - general discussion with Geoff Bakken at the meeting to explore creating an easement on his property. Cederberg made a motion to offer \$10,000 to My Bakken after an agreed amount easement based on a survey paid for by the township, such easement being approximately 30' x 40'. Nelson seconded, motion carried. Township will reach out for next steps to get survey completed.
2. Road Access Policy - upon review, Nelson moved to amend the road repair approval limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Cederberg seconded. Motion carried.
3. Road Maintenance and weed policies - Nelson sending to attorney
4. Stop Sign at 192nd and 4th Ave S: this will remain a stop sign.

Fire and HERT:

1. Review of 1998 Joint Powers Agreement: there was no quorum present at the monthly Fire meeting, so no action taken.
2. Hert: 11 members currently. Really need additional people here.

Landfill: they are retesting the wells for Pfas. Also, the county received a grant from the MPCA to create a compost program. This will primarily be for commercial food waste to start, like large school campuses, nursing homes, etc.

Weed and Gopher: None

Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS

General Business:

1. Heartland Trail: Lots of discussion around the proposed trail location. Overall, the sense was that the group involved with the trail needs a better understanding of township law and existing right of way.

Road and Bridges: none.

Fire and HERT: None

Landfill: None

Weed and Gopher: None

Other New Business: None.

Adjournment: Nelson moved to adjourn at 7:56 pm, Cederberg second, motion carried.

Rick Weaver, Chairman

Everett Nelson, Vice-Chairman

Denise Graunke, Clerk

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