

HAWLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Location: 405 6th St. Hawley

Date: March 3rd, 2026

Chairman Daren Tangen opened the meeting at 7:01 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, Keith Cederberg, and Adam Schenck attended.

Approval/Additions to the agenda: Nelson asked that road restrictions be added to the agenda, as they go into effect on Friday. Clerk also asked that the bid for Turner Sand and Gravel be considered and the contract for LM Road Service for mowing be reviewed. Weaver moved to approve the agenda with the additions, Nelson seconded, motion carried.

Public Comment: Mayor Sean Mork said he was there for the annexation discussion. It was decided to move to that part of the agenda immediately. Mork stated there had been no communication between the city attorney and the township attorney yet regarding the agreement. The city would like to be able to move on this, and possibly look at having a special meeting within the next 2 weeks. Weaver stated we need 5 days to give notice to the public as date of notice and date of meeting do not count towards 3 days notice for special meetings.

Mork said Zenas has been trying to contact our attorney but has not received a call or email back. Adam Schenck said he was there to represent his business' interest, as well as Cody Erickson, and Hawley Storage, as they are all opposed to being annexed. Nelson said that upon reviewing the agreement, the township is uncomfortable with how it is worded as of now. In speaking with Zenas, it sounded like it might have been just an agreement from Southeast Minnesota with not many changes made to it, just adding the parties names to it. There is language in it concerning the failing of septic systems, where the septic systems in this area are newer and not known to be failing. Mork said that it is more in regards to Alderon and how their septic system is undersized for their current capacity. Nelson said that the township attorney recommended tabling this until the April meeting since we aren't comfortable with the language as it is today.

There was additional concern from the public around the deferment of the costs and future assessments. The question is why do these landowners need to pay for something appearing to benefit 1 property, when these other landowners do not want city sewer and water. Mork said the lawyers would need to explain this further about how deferments would work and the length of time and interest on those payments.

Nelson made a motion to defer this discussion until the April meeting, Weaver seconded motion carried. Subsequently, Nelson amended the motion to defer until the April meeting unless a special meeting was held in the interim, Weaver seconded, motion carried. The meeting continued according to the agenda.

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: None.

Presentation of Bills:

1. Clay County Treasurer, 7/1-12/31/25 maintenance, \$18,147, Check 3045
2. Hawley Old Timers, March Rent and Storage, \$145 Check 3046

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

Correspondence:

1. IRS: we received one notice that we were late on payment last week, but another notice that we were paid in full with no penalties this week.
2. USPS notice: Clerk has signed up for informed delivery on the PO Box
3. Minnesota Association of Townships: Membership cards
4. Order approving annexation ordinance - Petermann from Zenas Law

OLD BUSINESS

General Business:

1. Joint Annexation Resolution between Hawley Township and City: (see above public comments)
2. Website/.gov address: Denise reached out to Rosedahl public affairs to get their help with this transition.
3. Election Judges training - there is training available on the Secretary of State site
4. Attorney's bill for Manthe's subdivision - Nelson is working on sending this out

Road and Bridges:

1. Larson easement Update - after talking with our attorney, the township will make one more attempt to resolve via a settlement offer, Weaver moved to make the offer of \$25,000. Nelson seconded. Motion carried. Nelson will submit this through attorneys.
2. Stop sign on 192nd street - Weaver was notified this week of it, the ground is frozen, so currently it is bolted to the street post until Spring.
3. Fence in road right of way on 50th Ave S - Nelson got a hold of someone and Rick will be meeting with them in the Spring to figure out where to move the fence.
4. Amendment to Road Gravel Policy, Driveway Access Policy to Attorney: with attorney currently
5. Road Maintenance Policy, Weed Control Policy Postings - Nelson working on these.

Fire and HERT:

1. Purchase of Fire fighting/Emergency rescue equipment for new Fire ATV
2. Review of 1998 joint Powers Agreement - this will happen at April meeting.

Landfill: Composting is still the big focus.

Weed and Gopher: None

Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS**General Business:**

1. Set 2027 Township Budget for annual meeting. These will be the board's recommendations for the annual meeting.
 - a. Nelson moved to recommend the General fund levy be set to \$25,000, Weaver seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Nelson moved to recommend the Road fund levy be set to \$65,000, Weaver seconded. Motion carried
 - c. Nelson moved to recommend the Fire and HERT fund levy be set to \$30,000. Weaver seconded. Motion carried.
 - d. Nelson moved to recommend the weed and gopher fund levy be set to \$9,000. Weaver seconded. Motion carried.

Road and Bridges:

1. Overweight permits to be given to the following:
 1. Nelson moved to give an overweight permit to Buffalo River Excavating, from Highway 10, South along 16th St S, to 1st Avenue S, to their property. Weaver seconded. Motion carried.
 2. Weaver moved to give an overweight permit to Alderon, from Highway 10, South along 16th St S, to their property. Nelson seconded. Motion carried.
 3. Nelson moved to give Petermann Farms an overweight permit, on 200th St N from Highway 10 to the Cromwell Township line. Weaver seconded. Motion carried.
2. Turner Sand and gravel bid: we got a bid for \$18.95 per yard. We have struggled getting any other bids and the county isn't receiving bids from any others for the township roads. Nelson moved to accept the proposed bid, Weaver seconded. Motion carried. Weaver will get a map to the clerk so we can send it in.
3. LM Road Services: Weaver moved to accept the agreement for Spring, Fall, Fall Deep cut, and Mow and Spray program; Nelson Seconded. Motion carried.

Fire and HERT: None

Landfill: None

Weed and Gopher: None.

Other new business: The Spring Short courses are coming up. Weaver moved that the township would reimburse registration and mileage for those that attend; Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Nelson moved to adjourn at 8:08 pm, Weaver second, motion carried.

Daren Tangen, Chairman

Rick Weaver, Vice-Chairman

Denise Graunke, Clerk
