

HAWLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Location: 405 6th St. Hawley

Date: October 7, 2025

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, Clerk Denise Graunke, Scot Manthe, Blake Manthe, Taryn Manthe, Kylie Manthe, Kris Manthe, Karen Hanson, Chris Guida, Dennis Olsen, and Jacob Duchsherer.

Approval/Additions to the agenda: Weaver mentioned a beaver dam that was taken care of to be added to the weed/gopher part of agenda. Graunke mentioned we need to certify the number of miles in the township with the county; also, we received a letter from the Minnesota Association of Townships that is asking us to sign a letter for the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks. Nelson moved to approve the agenda with the additions; Weaver seconded. motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

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. L-M Road Service, Fall Deep cut, \$2,622, Check 3005
2. Cavin Berube, Planning commission, \$75, Check 3006
3. Raymond Reading (Nugget Investments), balance of retainer account, \$2,760.59, Check 3007
4. Turner Sand and Gravel, 2025 gravel, \$52,976.40, Check 3008
5. Dennis Olsen, Planning commission, \$75, Check 3009
6. Clay County Treasurer, 2nd half maintenance (7/1/24-6/30/25), \$18,167.49, Check 3010
7. Chad Murray, planning commission, \$75, Check 3011
8. Keith Cederberg, planning commission, \$75, Check 3012
9. Check 3013 - voided due to mistake
10. Rick Weaver, Quarterly wages, \$280.65, Check 3014
11. Daren Tangen, Quarterly wages, \$221.74, Check 3015
12. Everett Nelson, Quarterly wages, \$491.13, Check 3016
13. Denise Graunke, Quarterly wages, \$443.47, Check 3017
14. Hawley Old Timers, rent and storage, plus 2 extra meetings, \$180, Check 3018
15. Alissa Wang, Quarterly Wages, \$221.74, Check 3019

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

Correspondence: None.

OLD BUSINESS

General Business:

1. Manthe Road Agreement: Manthe requested the specs for the grade, compaction, etc. of the road to be built. Nelson will get Jade to provide these to Manthe.
 - a. Manthe also had questions around a few portions of the proposed road agreement, including, page 24, section 4.2, the portion that states that they are giving up their right to appeal any special assessments. Also, on page 25, section 4.3, the language around the board being indemnified by any negligence on their part. Additionally, there are portions of the agreement that reference Bison Ridge (the previous road agreement used).
 - b. Next steps: Nelson will contact the attorney on possible changes and corrections on agreement.
 - c. Nelson requested a copy of the liability insurance policy from Manthe.
 - d. Nelson moved to table the road agreement at this time, Weaver seconded, motion carried.
2. Manthe Platted Subdivision: Nelson stated that the planning commission had recommended approval of the subdivision by a vote of 3 to 1, with 1 abstaining. The commission had also approved granting the variance for the setback to be changed from 200 ft to 150 ft on lots 2 and 3.
 - a. Nelson moved to grant the variance of the setback on lots 2 and 3 of the proposed Oak Subdivision to be 150 ft instead of 200 ft; Weaver seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Nelson moved to grant the Oak Subdivision subject to the signed road agreement, and if that agreement is not signed prior to October 28, 2025, Scot Manthe agrees he will sign an agreement saying he will waive his right to the 60 day township action deadline for the subdivision, and grant an extension of 30 additional days for the township action. Weaver seconded. Motion carried.
3. Update on Gloryland Annexation by city: the city began digging holes for utilities. Nelson was contacted as it is still a township road. He worked with the parties on the compaction requirements. We will expect a bill from Apex for the engineering work done for this.
4. Website, .gov address - Clerk received information from the county technology services. Still working on.
5. Computers and Amazon business account - this is completed.

Road and Bridges:

1. Larson easement Update - court dismissed the case without prejudice. Larsons have 60 days to appeal.
2. Fence in road right of way on 50th Ave S - Nelson tried contacting the agency, but they are closed due to the current government shutdown.
3. Speed limit in Bouton Addition - Weaver needs to put these up.
4. Amendment to Road Gravel Policy and Driveway Access is to the attorney to review. Nelson asked the clerk to create a new section on the website that we can publish these policies as they are adopted.
5. Road Maintenance and Weed Control policies: Rick will review county's policies on these, bring to next meeting.

Fire and HERT: The Fire department is purchasing an ATV to be used as a grass rig. It can also be used to transport people if they are in more of a remote location that can't be reached by a normal vehicle.

Landfill:

1. MPCA rule violation: the employees involved are no longer employed by the landfill so there are no fines to the county. The landfill is doing some additional soil testing in the area.

Weed and Gopher: There was a beaver dam on 210th St, between 50th Ave and 40th Ave. Weaver contacted Adam Schenck to open it back up. Weaver will check that this is still taken care of.

Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS

General Business: Heartland Trails Task Force: Everett will volunteer to be a representative on this task force. Weaver made a motion for Nelson to be the representative, Tangen seconded, motion carried.

Road and Bridges:

1. Road Inspection Tour: set for Saturday October 25th at 8AM.
2. Resolution for Winter Road Closure of west half of 12th Ave S: Nelson moved for the resolution for the winter road closure of the west half of 12th Ave S from the end of the Bison Ridge Addition to the edge of Murray's Driveway from December 1, 2025 to April 1, 2026, subject to snowfall. Weaver seconded, motion carried.
3. Certification of miles: nothing has changed since the last certification, so continuing with 33.5 miles.

4. Coalition Against Bigger Trucks: Nelson moved to have Chairman Tangen sign the letter that MAT provided, Weaver seconded. Motion carried.

Fire and HERT: None

Landfill: None

Weed and Gopher: None

Adjournment: Nelson moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm, Weaver second, motion carried.

Daren Tangen, Chairman

Rick Weaver, Vice-Chairman

Denise Graunke, Clerk
