

MINUTES

February 4, 2026

Members Present: Larry Bumgardner (Supervisor), Lance Barnum (Supervisor), Kristie Edelman (Supervisor), Darlene Funk (Treasurer), Megan Auzenne (Clerk)

Organizational Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Larry Bumgardner

Pledge of allegiance

Treasurer's Report needs to be completed

***** Lance made a motion to reconvene the Board of Audit meeting on Monday February 9th at 7:30pm, Larry seconded, Kristie third.**

Discussing 2026 Levies → Larry brought up that he attended caucus on Tuesday February 3rd and is worried the state might not pass out as much funding for roads. Larry wants to maintain the road and bridge amount in the levies

Eric Ramlo noticed the August meeting agreed upon was scheduled on the August election date. Larry made a motion to move the August 11th Regular Meeting to August 18th at 7:30pm due to elections, Lance second, and Kristie third.

Have Darlene look into TruStar and Northwoods for more than one CD from the Citizen's money market

Lance is making a motion to recess the board of audit meeting to Monday February 9th at 7:30pm, Kristie second, Larry third.

Regular meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Larry Bumgardner

Minutes reviewed for January - Lance made a motion to accept January meetings as presented, Kristie second, Larry third.

Treasurer's report - Darlene brought up the Park Rapids Library check needs to be voided and there are plans to do so to rewrite the previous check/donation, Kristie made a motion to accept the report as presented, Lance second, Larry third.

Review claims - Larry made the motion to accept claims as presented, Lance second, Kristie third.

Review payroll - Kristie made a motion to accept payroll as presented, Lance second, Larry third.

Long Construction	Roads	\$10,567
MATIT	General	\$388
Apex	General	\$110.50
Cupkie Accounting	General	\$185

OLD BUSINESS

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New Business

Korey Nelson came to speak for YESS (Youth emergency service and support) → They're set up in town to aid at risk youth, 100% community funded, volunteer operated, zero state and county funding, and helping the homeless youth. They operate on a working board and Korey handles the grant writing. Looking for \$500 donation

Jan Rasmussen came in to speak for Hubbard County Historical Museum → Closed during the winter months due to lack of heating. Their board consists of 3 active members and encourages others to join their board. Last year Jan took on the project of all the single room schools that used to exist and their history.

Park Rapids Library check being reissued and the previous \$100 check from the May 10th meeting, voided.

Larry brought the check for Apex up and wants to confirm if we are being charged for Hummingbird residents calling with questions.

Special meeting scheduled for February 9th at 7:30pm.

Larry made the motion to adjourn at 7:53pm

Meeting reconvened at 7:30pm by Larry Bumgardner

In attendance: Lance Barnum, Larry Bumgardner, Megan Auzenne, Darlene Funk

Larry wants to put a portion of the checking account into a money market account instead of it sitting at (the amount). He is having Darlene look into a CD for \$250,000 with the 4 banks. Darlene is looking into dividing the amount at Citizen's amongst the other banks in town as well.

Itasca-Mantrap has increased meter rates from 0.10 to 0.105 in the past year and with winter being as cold it has reflected on the bill. Larry reviewed the year of utilities and said the numbers made sense compared to January of 2025.

The 2025 report for the Arago-Clover cemetery was compared to 2024. The cemetery committee agreed on \$1,000 for 2026 dues.

Levies discussed and Larry

- *Election budgeted amount for 2026*
- *Aquatic inspections does not have news on funding from the state as of this year*
- *Mailbox needs a flag or to be replaced by the fire number*
- *Replace kiosk out front on the townhall - Find 3 comparable on the internet for the board to vote on in March*
- *Fire contract estimation \$25,652.21*

Motion made to adjourn by Larry Bumgardner at 8:16pm