BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting

Date: February 9th, 2026
Location: 32090 153rd Street Princeton, MN 55371

Board Members Present	Staff Present	Others Present
Jim Artmann	Michelle Aaseby – Clerk	Commander Ben Zawacki
Edward Evens – Vice Chair	Francine Larson - Treasurer	John Morast
Mike King - Supervisor		Bill Andresen

Regular Meeting

1. **Call to Order** Meeting was called to order by Chair Artmann 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** Artmann led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Approval of Agenda**
   - *Motion by Evens to approve the agenda with the addition of the Budget Committee – action item and omitting "and pricing" from Clean Up Day, second by Artmann. All in favor, motion passed.*

4. **Sheriff's Report** 83 calls for service this month, Sheriff's report is on file in the Clerk's office.

8. **Annual Sheriff's Report** Commander Zawacki provided power point slides for the board and audience. All townships are down on calls for service. All assaults in Blue Hill Township were domestic, only one resulting in arrest. There was a reduction in theft. Sherburne County had 7 retirees this year, taking a lot of experience with them. Their K9 suffered an intestinal flip and passed. They anticipate two new K9s will be trained and hired this year. Commander Zawacki would like to see more neighborhoods involved in National Night Out. He provided an update on a few solved cases that were known to the public. Jail repairs are starting soon. Wright County will take about 100 inmates during this construction. Sherburne County enrolled in a new program "RAVE" that acts as a panic button to alert First Responders of an active shooter for county buildings and schools.

5. **Fire Chief Report** 11 calls for service. Baldwin Fire is on track for close to 500 calls for service if this continues.

6. **Engineer Report** Quiet winter. Approved an old permit. New permit by Little Elk Lake has discrepancies between Beacon and the map on the application. Morast is awaiting response from applicant.

7. **Cemetery Report** Supervisor King will get estimates for a fence when the snow melts. Andresen is going to ask the Wildlife Refuge if we can spray weed killer for under the proposed fence for ease of mowing.

9. **Open Forum** none.

10. **Approval of Baldwin Fire Meeting Minutes**
    - *Motion by Evens, second by King to approve Baldwin Fire Meeting Minutes as written. All in favor; motion passed.*

11. **Approval of January 12th Board Meeting Minutes**

- *Motion by Artmann, second by Evens to approve the January 12th Board Meeting Minutes as written. All in favor; motion passed.*

12. **February 2026 Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Larson read the Treasurer's Report.
    - *Motion by Artmann, second by Evens, to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. All in favor; motion passed.*

13. **Approval of February 2026 Claims and Payroll** Treasurer Larson read the summary of Claims and Payroll. February payroll includes check numbers 10691-10695 totaling $3,177.24. February claims include check numbers 10696-10702 totaling $42,036.04. EFT02092026-01 for $368, EFT0209026-02 for $157.48, EFT002092026-03 for $589.34, EFT02022026 for $78.62, and EFT02082026 for $121.65, EFT02052026 for $39.54, and EFT02102026 for $8.00. All checks were submitted for approval.
    - *Motion by Artmann, second by Evens to approve February 2026 Claims and Payroll. All in favor; motion passed.*

14. **Committee Updates**

Town Hall Committee The committee initially didn't see a reason to combine the three township lots. Now that they are setting the layout of the new building, it was determined that the cost to combine the plats would be the same as the cost for blacktop for the new building due to setbacks. Combining the lots would also make it easier to place the building in a better spot due to setbacks.
- *Motion by Artmann, second by Evens, to apply fill out and submit the Land Division Application to the County to see our options in order to move forward with plat combination.*

Road Committee Schedule Spring Road Tour – Tabled until March.
- *Motion by Artmann, second by King, to table the scheduling of the road tour until March. All in favor, motion passed.*

Discussed roads that need attention this year; remove islands and surface treatments for 151st Street and 289th for possible reconstruction. Hoping to get ~~this done~~ a quote by April to work alongside County Chip Seal project.
- *Motion by Evens, second by Artmann to have Moore Engineering solicit itemized bids per map provided by Evens. All in favor; motion passed.*

Planning Committee None.

Budget Committee 2026 Budget was updated and provided to the Board
- *Motion by Artmann, second by Evens, to adopt the 2026 budget as presented. All in favor, motion passed.*

15. **Board Updates**

Artmann Contacted Erickson regarding the narrow plowing. This has since been corrected.

Evens None.

King Picked up a mattress from the ROW, screws from after a car accident, and removed the town hall screen door. .

Clerk Aaseby Provided a list of current permits in Blue Hill. Noted a clerical error on the upcoming election publishing with the accuracy test dated Wednesday March 3rd instead of the correct date of Tuesday March 3rd. It will run with the incorrect date this week on the 12th but will be correct for the next run on the 19th. Board did not want to run the ad for an additional week.

Treasurer Larson None.

16. **Resolution 26-01** Appointing election judges
    - *Motion by Artmann, second by King, to approve Resolution 26-01. All in favor, motion passed.*

17. **Clean Up Day** April 25th, 2026.
    - *Motion by King, second by Evens, to set the time for 8am – 12pm noon. All in favor, motion passed.*

18. **Township Comments** *Subdivision Ordinance*
    - *Motion by Artmann, second by Evens, to comment not in favor of the proposed 1 ½ acre lots in Sherburne County due to outbuilding size getting smaller, residents moved out here for the larger lot sizes, concerns about the septic system failing and having nowhere else to put it, lastly, we don't want residents to split their neighborhood into 1.5 acres. All in favor, motion passed.*
    - *Motion by Evens, second by Artmann, to comment that changes are needed regarding the 3ft to 2ft soil separation with approval pending general rural acreage stays at 2.5 acre lots. All in favor, motion passed.*

19. **Township Comments** *Ordinance Amendment – Vet Clinic*
    - *Motion by King, second by Artmann, to comment in favor of the proposed amendment. All in favor, motion passed.*

20. **Olson Easement** Artmann updated the board that the vacation of the utility easement is on hold until the Olson's receive a private easement from the utility companies.

21. **Approve the Annual Meeting agenda**
    - *Motion by Evens, second by King, to approve the proposed Annual Meeting agenda with the addition of the Request for a new Town Hall and Donation to the Fire Department. All in favor, motion passed.*

22. **Announcements and Correspondences**
    - March 9th, 6:00pm Regular Board Meeting
    - March 10th Township Election
    - March 10th Annual Meeting and Board of Canvass
    - March 14th Spring Short Course

23. **Open Forum** – *Checks were signed during Open Forum.*

24. **Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**
    - *Motion by Evens, second by Artmann to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Aaseby, Blue Hill Township Clerk

Michelle Aaseby
Clerk Signature

3-9-2026
Date

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes approved by the Blue Hill Town Board.

Chair
Signature & Title

3-9-26
Date