

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Haven Township – April 20, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The Haven Town Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, April 20, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Eric Meyer. Members present: Supervisor Eric Meyer, Supervisor Randy Linn, Supervisor Joseph Then, Supervisor Joseph Sexton, Supervisor Kari Watkins, Ben Oleson (Hometown Planning via virtual), Treasurer Viki Monroe and Clerk Tammy Schefers. There were four people who attended virtually. There were eight other people who attended in person.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

Sergeant Aaron Sturm reported that there were 118 incidents for the month of March 2026. He reviewed and summarized the report with the board members and answered any questions.

OPEN FORUM (Time for Residents to Ask the Board Questions)

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Randy Linn made a motion to accept and approve the agenda. Supervisor Joseph Sexton seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton - Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Supervisor Joseph Sexton made a motion to approve the March 16, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes with the rest of the consent agenda. Supervisor Kari Watkins seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton - Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS

Just for reference; Sherburne County sends an e-mail report of permits each month to the Clerk for all the Townships. There were 10 permits for Haven Township this month.

OLD BUSINESS

Hansen IUP – Legal Update – Supervisor Eric Meyer stated that there is still legal enforcement action taking place on this issue.

Amrize – The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is still in process. It was stated that Ben Oleson will contact Sherburne County to see the status of where they are at with the Environmental Impact Statement.

Ben Olsen met with Luci Snowden (former Knife River Employee) and spoke to her about an option of being a consultant for Haven Township and working with them to get a better idea of how the gravel mining process works. Supervisor Eric Meyer thought she could be helpful to the township being she has worked with gravel mines, erosion control, water quality and public health in different states.

After discussion on this, Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to hire Luci Snowden to work with Ben Oleson and the Haven Township Board for guidance and her input in regards to the Haven Township Mining Extraction Ordinance and she may have input for the MPCA water control issues. The budget that will be set for now, with Ben Oleson, Luci Snowden and the Township Board for these meetings, should not exceed \$5,000.00. Supervisor Joseph Sexton seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton - Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

Haven Township Planning Commission Update – Collin Gau spoke to the board members and gave them an informational update of the last meeting. He made the comment that they had discussed a variance request and the Orderly Annexation Agreement.

PID# 25-00015-1440 (Brandt) Variance Request: The Haven Township Planning Commission would like to recommend to the Haven Township Board to make a Positive Comment for PID#25-00015-1440 for the requesting a 66 foot variance to the road centerline of 54th Avenue SE to construct an accessory building. The required setback to the road centerline for a township road in the Agricultural District is 100 feet.

After board discussion on this, Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that Haven Township records indicate the centerline of 54th Avenue SE is not as traveled. The Haven Township Attorney David Meyers has determined we do not have a road order outside of the form filed in 1975 that is in error as to legal descriptions. Therefore, the setback as listed of 66 feet is not valid until we resolve with the four land owners and this could possibly make this area a private driveway. Supervisor Eric Meyer said that he will contact Sherburne County and make them aware that the Haven Township Board at this time will not be sending any comment form. Supervisor Eric Meyer will see that Erik Brandt gets contact information to speak with the townships legal counsel David Meyers regarding this road.

Collin Gau talked about how the Planning Commission discussed the Orderly Annexation Agreement. Ben Oleson had created a spreadsheet that compares the City of St. Cloud, Sherburne County and Haven Township with Agricultural, Rural Residential, Commercial and Industrial Districts. Each Planning Commission Committee Member was asked to review, comment and send their opinions back to Ben Oleson before April 28, 2026. The Planning Commission Committee hopes to have a final recommendation to the Haven Township Board for the Monthly May Board Meeting.

Ben Oleson (Hometown Planning) -

K & C Auto/Import Motors Auto – The comment was made that they are working with Sherburne County to get this resolved as soon as possible. Supervisor Eric Meyer asked if he could get a date when the Interim Use Permit Application was approved and when it will expire.

Wiilo Event Center – Ben Oleson made the comment that he is waiting for them to comply with all the conditions. This Interim Use Permit was approved on October 20, 2025. The one year expiration would be October 20, 2026.

Mining – Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that he would like to know when Cemstone Interim Use Permit Application went into effect and when or if it has expired.

PUBLIC HEARING (Communication that the Board Notified Residents)

None

NEW BUSINESS

Review Application Process for Permits – Supervisor Eric Meyer briefly talked about the application process for permits to the board members and how they come through the HeyGov site on the iPads. This would be for driveway permits, road right-of-way permits or if someone had any other permit questions. Each board member should be added to the HeyGov site to receive these messages.

Planning Commission Committee (Discuss Paying Them) – Supervisor Kari Watkins last month brought up the idea of considering paying the Haven Township Planning Commission Committee Members. The committee members all last year volunteered their time to be on this committee. The commitment was suppose to be completed by the end of last year (2025), but it is still continuing. Supervisor Kari Watkins drafted a sheet with consideration of fees for payment and reviewed them with the board members. They discussed hourly pay, pay per meeting, a flat rate pay, incentive pay and no mileage. A member of the Planning Commission, Collin Gau, was in the audience. He made the comment that he signed up to be a volunteer from the start and would be willing to continue to be on the committee without being paid. After discussion on this, Supervisor Eric Meyer asked Collin Gau to please reach out to the other people on the committee to see how each of those members feels about receiving compensation or not.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor (Chairperson) Eric Meyer

Orderly Annexation with the City of St. Cloud – Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that he will be working at the township hall on Tuesday mornings May 5, 2026; May 12, 2026; May 19, 2026; from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. for the month of May reviewing the orderly annexation agreement and creating a draft of how he would like to see the agreement completed.

Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that he has been taking time to organize the files in the iPad so that it is easier to find files.

Supervisor Randy Linn – No new Updates

Supervisor Joseph Then – Supervisor Joseph Then is working on plans for the roads this year. He discussed fog coating, crack and chip sealing. He had gotten quotes from Astech, Bertram Asphalt and M/P Asphalt Maintenance. The board discussed the quotes and prices from all these vendors. A Supervisor asked why they did not consider Hansen Paving for a quote. Supervisor Joseph Then will put them on the list of vendors for future quotes.

After discussion on this, Supervisor Joseph Sexton made a motion to move forward with Supervisor Joseph Then's plans for this years road projects. Approve and accept the quote given from M/P Asphalt Maintenance in the amount of \$115,448.00 for Crack Fill / Chip Seal / Fog Seal 35th Avenue SE; 40th Street SE; 65th Avenue SE; Crack Fill / Fog Seal Valley View; River Haven and Haven Township Parking Lot. Supervisor Randy Linn seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton - Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

Supervisor Joseph Then commented that all the township roads have been swept for the season. He also talked about how the township should consider developing a maintenance program schedule for all the roads in the township. Someone mentioned that 31st Avenue SE might need crack sealing. He will look at 31st Avenue SE to see if this needs to be crack sealed. He also talked about how he went to the Hwy10 Interchange Meeting and they are still deciding on the best option, route for this.

Supervisor Joseph Sexton – Supervisor Joseph Sexton made the comment that he has been working on fire call bills and checked in with Mayo Ambulance to make sure they are still happy with the township being a posting location for them.

Supervisor Kari Watkins – Supervisor Kari Watkins made the comment that she went to the Sherburne County Association of Townships Meeting. She reported that they discussed solar farms; Airport National Guards expanding; New Hanger at the airport; Sherburne County passing the riffle being used for deer hunting; Clear Lake building a new fire hall; Lynn Waytashek retiring in 2026 and Tornado sirens within the county and townships.

Tornado Sirens - Sherburne County wants to know if the townships want to keep and maintain the Tornado Sirens within the area. If the township wants to keep them, the township will be responsible for the upkeep on them and need to budget for that. If the township does not want them, Sherburne County will have them removed. One way or the other, the township must notify Sherburne County and Francine Larson by July 1, 2026 of their decision. Haven Township has 5 Tornado Sirens within the township.

TREASURER UPDATE

The Treasurer reviewed the March Cash Control Statement; Receipt Register and Disbursement Register with the Supervisors.

CLAIMS LIST FOR APPROVAL

Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to accept and approve the claims 26071-26094 totaling \$88,962.67 as presented for the month of April. This motion will also include adding the banking service fees for the end of the month when the statements arrive. Supervisor Joseph Then seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton - Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

CLERK UPDATE

The Haven Township Annual Clean-Up Day is set for Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the Haven Township Hall from 8:00 a.m. – Noon.

COMMUNICATIONS

MN Association of Townships – Online Training / Newsletter Updates / Meetings
Sherburne County Planning & Zoning – Public Hearings
Sherburne County Association of Township Meeting Agenda
Highway 10 Prelim Design - TAC
Voice Mails & E-mails from Residents

OPEN FORUM (Time for Residents to Ask the Board Questions)

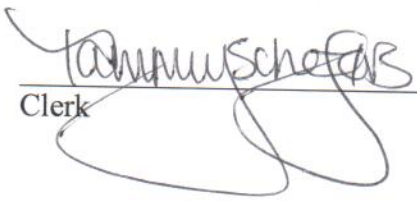
None

ADJOURN

It was moved by Supervisor Joseph Sexton seconded by Supervisor Kari Watkins to adjourn the meeting. Role call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton - Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.


Chairperson

5-18-2026
Date


Clerk

5.18.2026
Date