

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
Haven Township – May 18, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Haven Town Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, May 18, 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, Treasurer Viki Monroe, Ben Oleson (Hometown Planning via virtual), and Clerk Tammy Schefers. There were four people who attended virtually. There were four 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 137 incidents for the month of April 2026. He reviewed and summarized the report with the board members. He answered questions regarding to the Highway 10 crossing by the township hall and residents speeding in Deer Haven. He also made the comment that there have been copper stolen out of vacant homes and they caught the people who were doing this.

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

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Joseph Sexton made a motion to accept and approve the 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.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to approve the April 20, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes with the rest of the consent agenda. 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.

**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 11 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.

**Outdoor Warning Sirens (Tornado Sirens)** – The board member discussed the five outdoor warning sirens that are located within the township of Haven. They discussed if they are any value for the township. Sherburne County is currently responsible for the service and maintenance on these sirens. Sherburne County will discontinue these at the end of the year 2026. Each township is asked to give feedback to Sherburne County if they would like to take over the maintenance agreement and continue servicing and using them in the township. After discussion on this Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to let the Outdoor Warning Sirens (Tornado Sirens) be discontinued in Haven Township. Haven Township sees no value in them anymore and does not want to maintain the cost or proceed with the maintenance of these sirens in the future. Haven Township will let Sherburne County remove each Outdoor Warning Siren in Haven Township and dispose of them. 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 Sherburne County Zoning Ordinances and the Orderly Annexation Agreement.

The Haven Township Planning Commission recommended to the Haven Township Board for the Subdivision Ordinance Update - “No” they do not agree with the Subdivision Ordinance Update; 1.5 Acres is too small because of being too dense for septic systems. This will only present more problems in the future.

After discussion on this Supervisor Joseph Sexton made a motion to send a negative comment to Sherburne County that “No” the Haven Township Board is Not in favor of the 1.5 Acres. It is too small because of being too dense for septic systems. 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.

The Haven Township Planning Commission recommended to the Haven Township Board for the Zoning Ordinance Update that any gravel mining in Haven Township should be considered to be subject to an overlay district within the township.

After discussion on this Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to send a comment to Sherburne County that Mining should only be in District only – (Overlay District) and Data Centers be Only by Zone. 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.

Collin Gau made the comment that the Haven Township Planning Commission did not have further comments or recommendations for the Short-Term Rental Ordinance or Veterinary Clinics Farm Amendment

After discussion on the Short Term Rental Ordinance Supervisor Joseph Sexton made a motion to give a positive comment to Sherburne County on the Short-Term Rental Ordinance – Follow the Guidelines as Proposed. Supervisor Joseph Then seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Opposed; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton - Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

The Haven Township Board did not address the Veterinary Clinics Farm Amendment so there will be no comment sent to Sherburne County.

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 May 26, 2026. The Planning Commission Committee hopes to have a final recommendation to the Haven Township Board for the Monthly June Board Meeting.

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. Collin Gau made the comment that two members still want to be just volunteers on the committee and two members would like to see some sort of compensation for their time. Supervisor Eric Meyer and Supervisor Joseph Sexton will take this into consideration and look into options of what can be done.

**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.

**Wiilo Event Center** – Ben Oleson made the comment that he is waiting for them to comply with all the conditions.

**Mining** – The Haven Board has hired Luci Snowden as a resource and guidance to help understand the mining industry. She has been putting documents together to help the board understand question they have had. This information will be shared with the Haven Township Planning Commission Committee to review also.

**PUBLIC HEARING (Communication that the Board Notified Residents)**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Consider a Resolution to Extinguish a Town Right-of-Way Established by a 1970 Road Order – (54<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE / County Road 3) The board discussed a 1970 Town Road Order. This Road Order describes the road as going straight north. It does not describe

the location of 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE as traveled and maintained. The township will continue to maintain 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE as it has been maintained in the past. The township has never opened or maintained any of the Right-of-Way in the 1970 Town Road Order except at the starting point at County State Aid Highway No. 3. The Right-of-Way described in the Road Order goes through a house and onto a farmed field. It has never been opened or used. This Road is not on the Town Road Inventory. There are no utilities or other public services in this Right-of-Way. The Town's interest in the dedicated Right-of-Way is not in fee. The Road Order Right-of-Way is in the nature of an Easement. Upon extinguishment, the Right-of-Way will accrue to and be owned by the adjacent landowners. The Haven Board discussed this draft Resolution to Extinguish a Town Right-of-Way Established by a November 5, 1970 Road Order. Erik Brandt who owns the Parcel # 25-00015-1410 was in attendance at this meeting. His property is the one that this affects the most. After more discussion on this, Supervisor Joseph Sexton made a motion that the Haven Township Board does nothing with this draft resolution tonight and give the authorization for Supervisor Eric Meyer to send an email; a copy of this draft resolution to Erik Brandt so he can take it to review and discuss with his people on ways he would like to proceed. 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.

#### **BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS**

##### **Supervisor (Chairperson) Eric Meyer**

Orderly Annexation with the City of St. Cloud – Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that this is still in working progress.

Supervisor Eric Meyer discussed with the other board members about how there was no outside organization asked to help with the Clean-Up Day this year. Instead there were eight individual volunteer workers who helped at the Annual Clean-Up Day. The board members felt that they should get some sort of compensation for the help. The board in the past has funded organizations for up to \$1,000.00 for their help. After discussion on this Supervisor Joseph Sexton made a motion to pay a flat fee of \$100.00 to each of the eight workers who helped with the Clean-Up Day. That amount will total \$800.00. This will be paid out in the monthly claims to each individual (as a vendor). 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.

**Supervisor Randy Linn** – He reported that he got rid of the chemicals from Clean-Up Day that could not be recycled there and took them to the proper recycling facility.

**Supervisor Joseph Then** – Supervisor Joseph Then reported that crack sealing is in the process and has been completed on 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE; 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE; 40<sup>th</sup> Street SE and Haven Township Hall Parking Lot. He is having a contractor work on putting up 911 signs, street signs and replacing mailbox posts.

**Supervisor Joseph Sexton** – Supervisor Joseph Sexton made the comment that he has been working on fire call bills and will need assistance with the Connexus Energy Fire Call. Supervisor Eric Meyer will talk to Legal Counsel for guidance.

**Supervisor Kari Watkins** – Supervisor Kari Watkins made the comment that she has had lots of reading time this month for the Haven Township Planning Commission Committee.

#### **TREASURER UPDATE**

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

#### **CLAIMS LIST FOR APPROVAL**

Supervisor Randy Linn made a motion to accept and approve the claims 26095-26126 totaling \$35,929.60 as presented for the month of May. This motion will also include adding the banking service fees for the end of the month when the statements arrive. 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.

#### **CLERK UPDATE**

The Haven Township Annual Clean-Up Day went well.  
There were 164 Vehicles that Participated in the Event  
227 Tires Collected  
93 Mattresses; Chairs; Carpet; Sofas; Etc.  
100 Electronics; TV; Computers; Phones; Small Appliances  
1 Fiber Glass  
41 Large Appliances  
22 Mowers; Grills; Tillers; Etc.  
36 Bikes  
91 Scrap Iron  
56 Miscellaneous Items  
28 Nitrate Water Sample Tests

#### **Haven Township Elections are on Tuesday, November 3, 2026**

Candidate Filing Opens on July 14, 2026 – July 28, 2026 till 5:00 p.m.  
Contact Haven Township Clerk if Interested in Filing for a Position

#### **Supervisor Positions for Candidate Filing**

Supervisor Position C (4 Year Term)  
Supervisor Position D (4 Year Term)  
Supervisor Position E (4 Year Term)

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

MN Association of Townships – Online Training / Newsletter Updates / Meetings  
Sherburne County Planning & Zoning – Public Hearings

Sherburne County Association of Township (SCAT) Meeting Agenda  
Highway 10 Prelim Design - TAC  
Voice Mails & E-mails from Residents

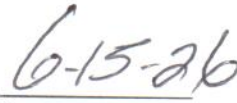
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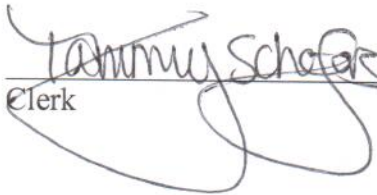
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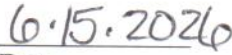
**ADJOURN**

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 8:46 p.m.

  
Chairperson

  
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