MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Haven Township – June 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Haven Town Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, June 15, 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 two people who attended virtually. There were five 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 109 incidents for the month of May 2026. He reviewed and summarized the report with the board members and answered any questions. There was discussion on the J-Turn off of 45th Avenue SE and speed limit signs in residential areas.

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 Randy Linn made a motion to approve the May 18, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes with the rest of the consent agenda. 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.

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 9 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. He reported that the first part of this legal dispute was found in the township's favor.

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.

Haven Township Planning Commission Update – Collin Gau spoke to the board members and gave them an informational update of the last meeting.

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. The Haven Township Planning Commission recommends a positive comment to the Haven Township Board to use the finalized proposed draft version of the Haven Township Zoning Ordinances for land uses that were prepared by the Haven Township Planning Commission. Ben Oleson has the finalized draft that he will get to the Haven Township Board Members.

The Planning Committee also reviewed two draft maps that the City of St. Cloud has created for their Future Land Use Plan which includes Haven Township and future proposed corridors. It was stated in a recommended motion that the Planning Commission would give Ben Oleson the authority to review and compare both draft land use maps from the city of St. Cloud. Ben Oleson will then give a summary and his opinion of his findings to the Haven Township Board to further act upon.

Ben Oleson (Hometown Planning) -
K & C Auto/Import Motors Auto –This is in review. An updated version of the Interim Use Permit was dropped off in a three ring binder at the township hall to the clerk and she scanned it into her computer and sent it to Ben Oleson to review. A Public Hearing will need to be set for this. The proposed date for the Public Hearing is set for July 14, 2026 at the next Haven Township Planning Commission Meeting.

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 –No New Updates

PUBLIC HEARING (Communication that the Board Notified Residents)
None

NEW BUSINESS
Consider a Resolution to Extinguish a Town Right-of-Way Est. by a 1970 Road Order – The board members discussed the road on 54th Avenue SE. They discussed the 1970 road order. After discussion on this, there will be a Public Hearing held with the Haven Township Planning Commission Committee on July 14, 2026 for more discussion on this issue. Notifications will be posted in the proper locations.

Cemstone IUP – The Township received an escrow deposit payment from Cemstone about a year ago for an Interim Use Permit. Cemstone has had no contact with Haven Township in regards to this permit yet. It was decided that the board will keep the funds in the escrow until Cemstone reaches out to the township to further discuss options for this Interim Use Permit.

Connexus Energy – Connexus Energy has a fire bill invoice that has not been paid yet. Connexus Energy has had correspondence that states they do not feel that it is their responsibility to pay this invoice for a tree falling next to their power line. Supervisor Eric Meyer has had legal counsel draft a letter to send to Connexus Energy that they need to pay this claim to Haven Township.

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 with Ben Oleson and the City of St. Cloud to discuss the proposed City Land Use Maps.

Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that he has received half of the bill for working and consulting with Luci Snowden from Snowden Environmental Consulting. This will be set up to pay her for the work she has done so far in the July Claims List for Approval.

Supervisor Randy Linn – Supervisor Randy Linn discussed the next bond payment that needs to be paid in July. The board may need to transfer funds to different accounts. After discussion on this, Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to have Supervisor Randy Linn and Treasurer Viki Monroe work together to figure out the transfer of funds needed and to get an ACH payment set up for the Ehlers bond fund. The bond payments should be made directly through an ACH payment and not be U.S. Postal mailed. This will make sure that all transactions for the bond and bank will be paid in a timely fashion and not late. 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.

Supervisor Joseph Then – Supervisor Joseph Then reported that road work is being set up for fog coating, crack and chip sealing. He has gotten tentative schedule dates from the contractor for when this will be starting and completed. It all depends on the weather. He will keep residents notified in a timely fashion so people can prepare different routes and be aware of what will be happening and when within the township.

Supervisor Joseph Then commented that he attended the Hwy10 Interchange Meeting and they are still deciding on the best option, route for this. They are thinking about having another open house for people to review and comment about these different options. They would like to present at the township hall and connect with the clerk to discuss available dates and times that may be available to host the open house or possibly come to present at a board meeting.

Supervisor Joseph Then made the comment that he has been having many mailbox posts replaced and is running low on supplies. After discussion on this, Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to give Supervisor Joseph Then the authority to order more mailbox posts as needed but not to exceed 50 sets for now. The board can discuss this again if he runs low on supplies. 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.

Supervisor Joseph Sexton – Supervisor Joseph Sexton made the comment that he has been working on fire call bills. He still has a customer that wants to pay via a credit card. Supervisor Eric Meyer will work with Supervisor Joseph Sexton to see if they can work a process out to make this happen.

Supervisor Kari Watkins – Supervisor Kari Watkins made the comment that they made progress at the Haven Township Planning Commission Meeting with the Haven Township Land Uses.

TREASURER UPDATE

The Treasurer reviewed the May 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 26127-26147 totaling $15,336.78 as presented for the month of June. 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

Supervisor Positions Open to File Starts July 14, 2026 – July 28, 2026;
Supervisor Seat C (Joseph Then)
Supervisor Seat D (Joseph Sexton)
Supervisor Seat E (Randy Linn)
All 4 Year Terms
Election is held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 – 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Election Judge Training will be held in the next few months. Treasurer Viki Monroe has interest in becoming an Election Judge for Haven Township. After discussion on this Supervisor Joseph Sexton made a motion to add Viki Monroe to the Election Judge list for 2026 for Haven Township as long as there are no stipulations of a township treasurer being an election judge for the same township she works for. Supervisor Eric Meyer 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.

CTAS Training – The Clerk and Treasurer will attend a CTAS Training Workshop next week to continue to learn updates and information on how to use this system.

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)

John Winkelman had questions on why the Haven Township Representative voted against having a large veterinarian clinic (Triple A Equine, PLLC) in a rural area in Big Lake, MN at the Sherburne County Board Meeting. Supervisor Kari Watkins will follow-up on this and get back to John with an answer. He also had concerns about solar fields and not wanting them within the township and how we can stop this from taking over the farm fields. He has one that is to close to him and he does not appreciate that.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Supervisor Joseph Sexton seconded by Supervisor Joseph Then 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 8:30 p.m.

Chairperson

7-20-26
Date

Clerk

7.20.2026
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