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Subject: 2026 Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant Application Now Open
Date: Sep 2, 2026 at 9:18:18 AM
To: Tammy Schefers clerk@haventwp.org

2026 Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant Application Now Open

Township Officers,

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has opened the 2026 Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) grant solicitation, with $50 million available statewide, including $3 million specifically designated for township projects.

LRIP provides funding for eligible local road construction, reconstruction and reconditioning projects that improve safety, address transportation needs or serve routes of regional significance.

Key information for townships:

- Applications are due Wednesday, November 25, 2026.
- Grant requests may range from $50,000 to $1.5 million per project.
- No local match is required.
- Townships must have a county sponsor and submit both township and county board resolutions supporting the project.
- Funding is for eligible construction costs; engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction administration/inspection are not eligible.
- Projects are anticipated to be constructed in 2027–2029.

Townships considering an application should begin coordinating with their county sponsor early to allow time for the required resolutions.

MnDOT has posted the online application, 2026 Solicitation Guide, FAQs and additional resources on its LRIP webpage: **https://www.dot.state.mn.us/stateaid/lrip.html**

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1-800-438-0578

DATE: August 28, 2026

RE: Cancellation of September Board of Adjustment Public Hearing

NOTICE:

The Scheduled Board of Adjustment Public Hearing set September 10, 2026 has been Cancelled. The next Scheduled Public Hearing will be held on October 8, 2026.

Thank you.

Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Office

From: Halverson, Karin Karin.Halverson@wsp.com
Subject: Beltline Connection EIS - Purpose and Need Statement
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The Purpose and Need Statement and supporting Appendix can be found here: Purpose and Need. They are located in the Sharepoint at EIS Deliverables> 04 Environmental Documentation Deliverables> Purpose and Need.

We would request that all comments on the Purpose and Need are submitted by EOD September 4.

As always, let me know if you have any access issues or questions.

Thank you, and have a good weekend,
Karin

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Good Morning,

Thank you to all who have provided comment on the Beltline Connection EIS CSAH 75 to U.S. 10 Purpose and Need Statement. We appreciate your time and feedback.

For those who have not yet provided comment on the Purpose and Need, could you please confirm whether you/your agency have no comments, or could you provide a date at which you will be able to provide comments?

Once again, we appreciate you taking the time to review the documents and your involvement.

Thank you,
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August 18, 2026

Haven Township
Attn: Town Clerk
Haven Town Hall
PO Box 339
St. Cloud, MN 56302

Re: Legal Service Rate Increase

Dear Town Clerk:

Please note that effective January 1, 2027, our hourly rate will be increasing to $295 per hour for all general legal work and to $325 per hour for all development work (this amount is passed through to the developer for payment related to work done on their plat). Please feel free to contact our office if you or any member of the Town Board has any questions regarding this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Budish

Kathleen H. Budish
Couri & Ruppe, P.L.L.P.

Rec'd in P.O. Box
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August 18, 2026

Haven Township
c/o Tammy Schefers
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RE: 2026 Recycling Day Reimbursement

Dear Ms. Schefers,

Thank you for submitting Haven Township's expense report from the 2026 Recycling Day Event. Below is a cost breakdown of Haven Township's Recycling Day Event based on the invoices that were submitted:

Eligible Reimbursement Items (Recycling Invoices, Advertisement Invoices)	
Electronics, Appliances, Scrap Metal	$1,362.90
Tires	$2,257.50
Advertisements	$838.92
Total (A)	**$4,459.32**

Non-Eligible Reimbursement Items (MSW delivered to Landfill, Payroll, Food/Beverage/Supplies)	
Payroll / Labor	$0
Supplies / Food / Beverages	$0
MSW– Delivered to Landfill	$3,309.59
Total (B)	**$3,309.59**

Total Event Cost (A + B)	= $7,768.91
Scrap Metal & Auto Battery Credit Amount	= $411.90
Collected Amount (Gate Receipts)	= $603.00
Balance	= $6,754.01
Reimbursement Amount (Grant Amount)	**= $3,400.00**
Amount Township Responsible For: (after County reimbursement)	= $3,354.01

Currently a check in the amount of **$3,400.00** is being processed for reimbursement of eligible expenses to the Township; please allow one to two weeks for receipt.

Thank you very much for your continued efforts with these events to provide area residents with a convenient recycling option. Please let me know if you have any questions. My direct phone number is 763-765-4457. Have a great day!

Sincerely,

Maureen Mossak

Maureen Mossak
Environmental Specialist

HAVEN	25-00014-4105	26-1512	28-Aug-26	Fireplace	JASON HALVERSON	THE FIREPLACE PROF	KILIAN, MICHAEL A & JUD	6281 32ND ST SE	SAINT CLOUD M	56304	434	2,000.00	100
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HAVEN	25-00430-0220	26-1441	19-Aug-26	Gas Mechanical/HVAC	Julie Adolph	H&S Heating & A/C	SKUMAUTZ, LINDA A-TRU	6641 36TH AVE SE	SAINT CLOUD M	56304	434	2,000.00	100
HAVEN	25-00403-0090	26-1400	13-Aug-26	Gas Mechanical/HVAC	Michelle	Precise	LARSON, KEVIN LEE & BE	3658 12TH AVE SE	SAINT CLOUD M	56304	434	2,000.00	100
HAVEN	25-00011-4102	26-1387	19-Aug-26	Window/Door Replacem	Heidi Singleton	Renewal By Andersen	FRANK, TROY H	2400 65TH AVE SE	SAINT CLOUD M	56304	434	2,000.00	100
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Date: Aug 18, 2026 at 5:16:42 PM
To: Tammy Schefers clerk@haventwp.org

August 2026 Newsletter

Dear Township Officers,

August is a busy month at MAT, with District Meetings underway across the state. It's been great connecting with township officers at our first meetings, and I hope to see many more of you as we continue traveling around Minnesota in the weeks ahead.

We're also excited to launch MAT's newly redesigned website, making it easier to access our Information & Video Library, News & Updates, training opportunities, legislative resources and more.

In this issue, you'll also find information about our September Legislative & Research Committee meeting, the 2026 Annual Conference, upcoming training and other resources for your township.

Thank you for all you do for Minnesota's townships.

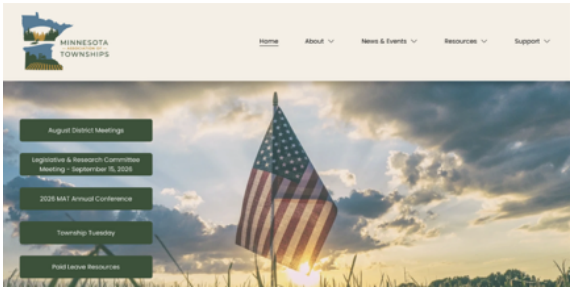
Sincerely,
Jeff Krueger
Executive Director
Minnesota Association of Townships

Check out MAT's New Website!

We're excited to announce the launch of the newly redesigned **Minnesota Association of Townships website**! While much of the information and many of the resources you rely on are still in familiar places, the site has a fresh, updated look and improved organization designed to make it easier to find what you need.
We encourage you to take a look around and explore all the resources available, including our Information &

Video Library, expanded News & Updates, training and event information, legislative resources, township guidance and much more.

Our goal is to make the MAT website an easy-to-navigate, go-to resource for Minnesota's township officials.



Save the Date: MAT Annual Conference

Join township leaders from every corner of Minnesota at MAT's 2026 Annual Conference: "The Changing Landscape of Township Government." Townships face growing land use challenges, from annexation and housing development to renewable energy projects, data centers, transportation improvements, and shifting development patterns. Make sure your township is ready for what's next and gain practical knowledge, fresh ideas, and valuable connections that will help you serve your community even better.
Please mark your calendar for this year's Annual Conference. Full details and registration information will be announced shortly.



Register Today: Fall Legislative & Research Committee meeting

The Minnesota Association of Townships Legislative & Research (L&R) Committee develops, reviews, and recommends legislative actions on behalf of townships. All township officers are invited and encouraged to attend.

LEGISLATIVE AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE FALL MEETING
DATE: Tuesday, September 15, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
LOCATION: Minnesota Association of Townships Office, 805 Central Ave E, St. Michael, MN 55376. (There is a dedicated parking lot available.)
COST: FREE! There will be no cost to township officers to encourage increased attendance and participation. Included are materials and light refreshments.
TENTATIVE AGENDA: www.mntownships.org/lr-event
REGISTER ON THIS FORM: https://forms.gle/PWkA7QacmGpYN1R7

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIPS
LEGISLATIVE & RESEARCH COMMITTEE

August District Meetings

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIPS
DISTRICT MEETINGS

Please plan to attend your upcoming MAT August District Meeting. There will be many updates from your local MAT District Director, MAT staff (including legal counsel and trainers), local township issues, and more. Districts 1, 5, 6, 7 and 11 have elections scheduled for your MAT District Director. **Additional formal logistical information and agenda items are sent by postal mail and email.**

District meetings for 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 have already been held.

DISTRICT 3: Townships in Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock, and Yellow Medicine Counties
WHEN: Tuesday, August 18, 2026
TIME:
6:00 PM - Registration open
6:30 PM - Meeting
WHERE: KB's Bar & Grill (back room), 100 East Burlingame Street, Ghent, MN (Lyon County)

DISTRICT 6: Townships in Big Stone, Chippewa, Grant, Lac qui Parle, Stevens, Swift, and Traverse Counties
WHEN: Wednesday, August 19, 2026
TIMES:
6:30 PM - Registration
7:00 PM - Meeting
8:00 PM - Election
WHERE: VFW, 710 W 2nd St, Madison, MN 56256 (Lac qui Parle County)

DISTRICT 10: Townships in Carlton, Cook, Lake, and Saint Louis Counties
WHEN: Thursday, August 27, 2026
TIMES:
5:30 PM - Registration
6:00 PM - Meeting
WHERE: Grand Lake Town Hall, 5297 Hwy 53, Saginaw, MN 55779 (St. Louis County)

DISTRICT 11: Townships in Aitkin, Cass, Hubbard, Itasca, and Koochiching Counties
WHEN: Wednesday, August 26, 2026
TIMES:
6:00 PM - Registration
6:15 PM - Meeting
7:00 PM - Election
WHERE: Walker Area Community Center, 105 Tower Ave. E., Walker, MN 56484 (Cass County)

DISTRICT 12: Townships in Beltrami, Clearwater, Mahnomen, Norman, and Polk Counties
WHEN: Tuesday, August 25, 2026
TIMES:
6:00 PM - Registration
6:30 PM - Light meal
7:00 PM - Meeting
WHERE: Bagley High School, 1130 Main Ave. N, Bagley, MN 56621 (Clearwater County)
RSVP: Please RSVP to help us plan for meal counts to Mandi Peterson at **mpeterson@mntownships.org**.

DISTRICT 13: Townships in Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake, and Roseau Counties
WHEN: Monday, August 24, 2026
TIMES:
6:00 PM - Registration and light refreshments
7:00 PM - Meeting
WHERE: New Folden Community Center, 145 E 1st St., New Folden, MN 56738 (Marshall County)

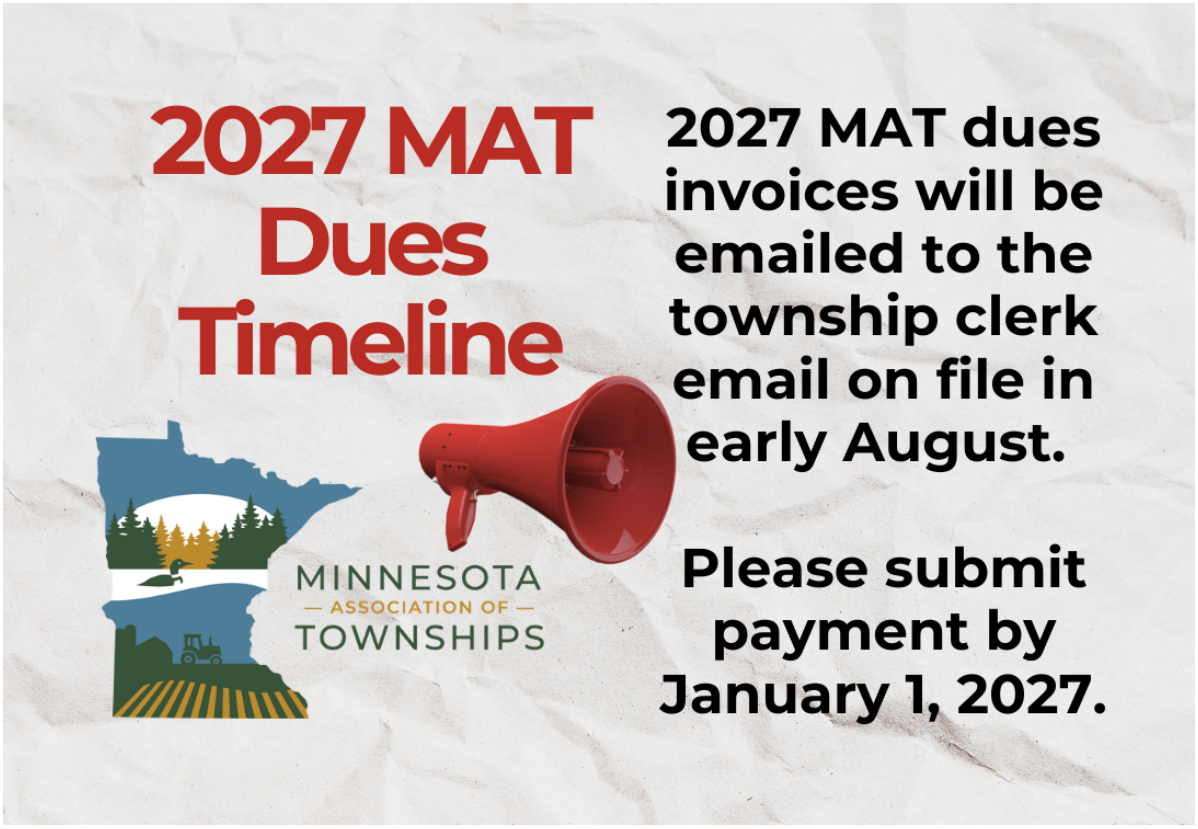
MnDOT Rural Horizontal Curves Safety Countermeasures 9/23 Webinar

Township officials and road personnel are encouraged to attend this free MnDOT Local Road Traffic Safety webinar focusing on rural horizontal curve safety. Participants will learn about proven safety countermeasures, design considerations, and operational improvements that can help reduce crashes and improve safety on local roads. The session will also provide valuable resources and contacts to support future township road projects.
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Online)
Register: **https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4e35a4df-92b1-4b4e-bfb8-799536124bf3@3667e201-cbdc-48b3-9b42-5d2d3f16e2a9**

Winter Maintenance Training - September 9

Township officials and employees involved in snow and ice control are invited to attend the APWA-MN Fall Workshops on Wednesday, September 9, at Jackpot Junction in Morton.
Participants can earn either the Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificate or Winter Maintenance Operator Certificate, with training covering winter weather, planning, materials, equipment, operations, and snow and ice

control. The workshops are open to both APWA-MN members and non-members.
Registration is $125 for the Operator Workshop and $175 for the Supervisor Workshop. Space is limited to 100 participants per workshop, and the registration deadline is September 2.
Learn More & Register



Great Training, Great Reviews & the Great Minnesota Get-Together

"The Great Minnesota Get Together" is the nickname given to the annual Minnesota State Fair. This year it will be held from August 27 – September 7. It is a fun way to wind down the summer if you're okay with large crowds and the State Fair food prices.
It is also a great way to reward yourself for all the township trainings you have attended, either in person, on the Township Tuesday ZOOM calls, or watching previous training videos from the MAT Library located on the Minnesota Association of Townships website. Many Townships benefited greatly from attending 4 Corners training this

past July in Roseau, Lancaster, Crookston, and Marshall.
Topics presented included Records Retention, CTAS, Annual Reporting, and Data Practices. For some, it was new information and for others it was a refresher of information they already knew. Either way, everyone in attendance said they definitely wanted more of the consistent, continuing, education which MAT's training department strives to deliver.
Just look at the rave reviews!
"I always come away with learning at least one thing"
"What I liked best was the variety of the topics"
"I like having access to the MAT trainers and Attorneys directly"
"I liked the CTAS overview. Although we don't currently utilize it, we'd like to move in that direction"
"The presenters were welcoming, thoughtful, and engaging"
"I liked the attorney's trivia game"
"I learned quite a few things, and I liked the music, records retention theme"
"I learned some things I didn't know before; I also liked the setting and "feeling" of The Grand Theatre"
Such great responses and we look forward to providing more learning opportunities in the future. See you at the State Fair and at this same bat time and same bat channel, next month!



Michael Gilbreath – MAT Training Manager

Township Tuesdays

Please join MAT staff for a casual update on the most recent township information, with question and answer time on any topic, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10 AM. Calls usually last between 30 and 60 minutes. Each Township Tuesday starts with a presentation on a current issue by MAT legal counsel.



Presentation Topics:

- Sept 1: Problems with town property: the duty to return and associated difficulties
- Sept 15: How to build a township website
- Oct 6: Worker's Compensation basics
- Oct 20: Serving personal notice. When and how?
- Nov. 3: Joint Powers Act: how teaming up can make your life easier
- Nov 17: Creating a township email account
- Dec. 1: ADA and the Town Hall
- Dec 15: Hiring a Town Attorney

Participate via Zoom meeting via computer (preferred):
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88491131671
Meeting ID: 884 9113 1671
OR participate via phone, (646) 558-8656 passcode 88-49-113-16-71#

Recordings and details of past calls can be found on the MAT website here. Past recordings include presentations on "Closing Meetings," "Cannabis Law Updates," "Storm Shelters and Mobile Homes," "Published Notice," and

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MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

Soil Restoration for Stormwater Workshop
08/26/2026

UPCOMING EVENT

Soil Restoration for Stormwater Workshop

A focused, hands-on training designed for community members and professionals working to improve soil health and stormwater performance. Learn practical restoration techniques, see live field demonstrations, and hear how local partners are applying these practices across Minnesota. Whether you're a homeowner, volunteer, land manager, or practitioner, you'll gain practical tools to support healthier soils and better water outcomes in your community.

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Ojibway Park | 2695 Ojibway Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125

Early-bird rate: $30 (by Sept. 15) | Regular rate: $40 (after Sept. 15)

Registration link: Soil Restoration for Stormwater Workshop

Workshop Highlights

- Training designed for stormwater practitioners, land managers, landscape contractors, builders, and developers
- Decompaction and soil-amendment practices for urban, residential, commercial, and community green spaces
- Classroom presentations, soil assessments, and live field demonstrations
- Lunch and refreshments included

Workshop Partners

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is a state agency committed to ensuring that every Minnesotan has healthy air, sustainable lands, clean water, and a better climate.

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Orderly Annexation Agreement

Haven Township / City of St. Cloud

Open House Opportunities

Below are dates if you have questions about how this will impact you and your property.

September 15, 2026 Haven Township Hall 9:30 am – 11:00 am Q & A

September 21, 2026 Haven Township Hall 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm Q & A
The Haven Township Board will be having discussion around 7:30 pm at the September Monthly Board Meeting in reference to the details of the Orderly Annexation Agreement between Haven Township & the City of St. Cloud.

October 13, 2026 Haven Township Hall 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Public Hearing
This is the Public Hearing Comment Period for the Orderly Annexation Agreement (OAA) with Haven Township & the City of St. Cloud

October 19, 2026 Haven Township Hall 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm Q & A
The Haven Township Board will be open for questions or comments prior to the regular meeting of the board of supervisors. Around 7:30 pm the board of supervisors will vote on the Orderly Annexation Agreement with the City of St. Cloud. The public will have a period of time to offer comments.

If you are unable to attend these meetings, you are welcome to send a written comment to any supervisor or the clerk. E-mail addresses are found on our website haventwp.org or the mailing address is Haven Township; P.O. Box 339; St. Cloud, MN 56302-0339

This Notice has been posted on the haventwp.org website and placed on the posting board outside the Haven Township Hall. No direct Mailers will be sent out with these dates.

Tammy Schefers
clerk@haventwp.org
9/11/2026

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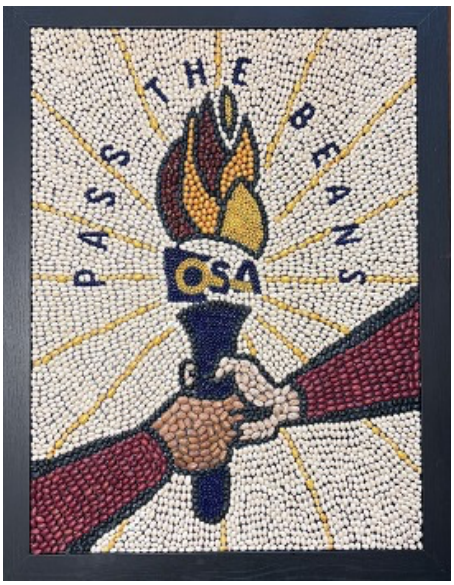
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Meeting: Fire Relief Association Working Group

The State Auditor's Fire Relief Association Working Group met on August 20 and reviewed potential topics for consideration this year. Working Group members discussed whether to clarify how benefits are calculated when a relief association converts from a defined benefit to a defined contribution plan. Topics held over for consideration at the next meeting are potential changes to the fire state aid program that would allow any reductions to aid due to late reporting to remain in the program, and a clarification of when required municipal contributions are levied by the county.

The next Working Group meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 17**, from **1 – 2:30 pm**. Meeting recordings and materials are posted on the **Working Group** page of the OSA website.

Released: New Relief Association Training Video

A new **training video** is available that walks through the Financial Projections and Required Contribution tabs of the redesigned Schedule (SC) Form for relief associations with a defined benefit lump-sum plan.

Additional instructional videos showing how to complete relief association reporting forms can be found on the **Training Opportunities** page of our website.

Avoiding Pitfall: Phantom Vendors

One method of fraud involves payments to fictitious companies for goods never delivered or services never provided. To protect against this, public entities need procedures in place to determine whether new vendors that are added to their accounts payable system are legitimate.

The ability to set up new vendors on the accounts payable system should be limited to those individuals with a logical need for this function. When new vendors are added to the system, the vendors should be reviewed by someone outside the accounts payable system. The outside reviewer should verify that the new vendor is legitimate. Finally, the vendor list should be reviewed periodically, and unused vendors should be removed from the system.

This fraud is more likely to occur when a public entity has a large number of vendors. Warning signs of a potential "phantom vendor" include:

- Sequentially-numbered invoices from the vendor;
- Invoice amounts just below the amount needing additional approval for payment; and
- Companies with only P.O. Box addresses, companies lacking taxpayer identification numbers, or vendor identification numbers that match an employee's social security number.

The full avoiding pitfall is available on the **OSA website**.



Human Resources Technician 2 (St. Paul)

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The job posting will close on **September 1, 2026**.

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Happy Minnesota State Fair to all who celebrate! The Great Minnesota Get-Together is like local government: It brings neighbors together as a community and is a place of tradition. Yesterday, I celebrated Opening Day with my tradition of greeting fairgoers, "auditing" new fair foods and meeting with fellow crop artists.

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Reminder: Relief Association Reports

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Available: TIF Excess Increments Statement of Position

The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Division has published a new Statement of Position pertaining to excess increment. The 2026 Legislature clarified and simplified the calculation of excess increments and added a new decertification requirement. View the Excess Increments Statement of Position on the **OSA website**.

Additionally, the Pay-As-You-Go Obligations Statement of Position has been updated to include a section about the relationship between pay-as-you-go obligations and excess increment. View the Pay-As-You-Go Obligations Statement of Position on the **OSA website**.

Avoiding Pitfall: Vendor Gifts

Sometimes vendors with public contracts offer gifts to local government employees to build good relationships. Although vendor relationships can be cordial, they should not involve gifts to public employees.

Local officials, such as city and county officials, are subject to **Minn. Stat. §471.895**, which generally bans gifts. There are certain exceptions, such as a trinket or memento costing $5 or less. In addition, under **Minn. Stat. §471.87**, a public officer authorized to take part in making a contract in any manner generally is not allowed to have a personal financial interest in the purchase.

Government employees should not accept personal gifts from vendors or contractors. We recommend that entities create an ethics policy. This policy should expressly ban officers and employees from accepting personal gifts from vendors or contractors.

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Happy Labor Day weekend! Labor Day represents the power of people working together for common solutions. I've been grateful to work with so many dedicated individuals across our state throughout my time in Office, both on my own team and the teams of the entities we serve. No great Minnesota idea becomes real without your work – thank you!

Fire Relief Associations: Training Opportunity

Members of our Pension Division will be teaching a training course for fire relief association trustees at the annual Minnesota State Fire Department Association (MSFDA) conference in Breezy Point. Our session will be held from on **Friday, September 18 from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

If you're attending the MSFDA conference, please stop by to meet members of our Pension team!

Avoiding Pitfall: Release of Not Public Data to the State Auditor

Political subdivisions sometimes ask if they can release to the State Auditor information that is classified as "not public data" under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Minnesota law expressly allows political subdivisions to provide the State Auditor with not public information for:

- examinations,
- financial audits,
- compliance audits, and
- investigations.

Local government employees and officials may also provide the State Auditor with not public information when evidence of financial fraud or unlawful use of public funds or property is discovered, in compliance with the mandatory reporting obligations found in **Minn. Stat. § 609.456, subd. 1.**

For more information about the classification of State Auditor data, see **Minn. Stat. § 6.715**.

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The job posting will close on **September 24, 2026**.

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Today marks 25 years since the attacks on September 11, 2001. We remember the thousands of lives lost that day as well as the lives lost from 9/11 related illnesses. We think of the families and communities that were forever changed, and the extraordinary courage of those who responded in the face of unimaginable danger.

Notably, we honor the firefighters and first responders who answered the call that day and who continue to serve our communities today. Through our work with firefighter pension plans, we see their selflessness and dedication to their neighbors every day. Today is a stark reminder for us that those who run in, when others run out, deserve our gratitude and support.

Results: Crop Art Bean Count Contest

Thank you to everyone who submitted a guess for this year's bean count. Auditor Blaha has officially counted a total of **5520 beans** used to make her Minnesota State Fair Crop Art Competition entry. We had great guesses from both OSA staff and our social media followers. Our top three bean counters are:

1. Cory Sens — 5527
2. Bethany Nagan — 5559 (Facebook Submission)
3. Kristie J — 5401 (OSA Weekly Update Submission)

Congratulations to our winners!

Meeting: Fire Relief Association Working Group

The State Auditor's Fire Relief Association Working Group will be meeting on **Thursday, September 17, from 1 – 2:30 p.m.**, with options to attend in person at our office in Saint Paul or remotely via Teams. Meetings also will be livestreamed with recordings and meeting materials available on the **Working Group** page of the OSA website.

Relief Associations: Fire State Aid Deadline

The first deadline for fire relief associations to be certified as eligible for receipt of their 2026 fire and supplemental state aid is **September 15.** If your relief association has not yet submitted its 2025 reporting-year forms to the OSA or has been notified by the OSA's Pension Division staff that additional information is needed, please provide the forms or information as soon as possible.

View a relief association's reporting status in our **Fire Relief Association Reporting Compliance Dashboard**.

Avoiding Pitfall: Employee Tips

Studies show that employee fraud is usually found through a tip. Often, the tip comes from another employee. Public entities should keep communication open. This helps employees feel that their concerns will be heard. Appropriate action should then be taken in response to these tips.

For more information on employee theft, read the latest study from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE). It is called Occupation Fraud 2026: A Report to the Nations. Key findings of the report are available on the **ACFE website**.

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Township Officials:

Join township leaders from across the state at the Minnesota Association of Township's **2026 Annual Conference: "The Changing Landscape of Township Government."** Make sure your township is ready for what's next and gain practical knowledge, fresh ideas, and connections to help you better serve your community.

SPEAKERS: Hear from experienced speakers on key topics for township officers.

EDUCATION: Dive into hands-on breakout sessions, ask questions directly to state agency experts, and get real answers for township challenges.

EXHIBITORS: Explore the exhibitor showcase featuring trusted vendors with products and services for township needs. Network with peers, share solutions, and bring home proven strategies.

DATE: Thursday, December 10 through Saturday, December 12, 2026

NEW LOCATION: Grand View Lodge, 23521 Nokomis Ave, Nisswa, MN 56468 (near Brainerd)

REGISTRATION:

- ONLINE: **Register for the conference here**
- BY MAIL: **Print out and complete this PDF form** and postal mail it to the MAT office. It will also be printed in the Fall Issue of the Township Insider magazine, which will be mailed in early October.
- Note: Pre-registration is due by November 23rd. All registrations received after this date will be held and processed at the "on-site" rate.

LODGING, AGENDA, SPEAKERS, AND MORE: Visit MAT's Annual Conference webpage for the complete information on lodging, breakout sessions, speakers, and more.

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Township Officials:

The Minnesota Association of Townships Legislative & Research (L&R) Committee develops, reviews, and recommends legislative actions on behalf of townships.

All township officers are invited and encouraged to attend.

LEGISLATIVE AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE FALL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, September 15, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Minnesota Association of Townships Office, 805 Central Ave E, St. Michael, MN 55376. (There is a dedicated parking lot available.)

COST: FREE! There will be no cost to township officers to encourage increased attendance and participation. Included are materials and light refreshments.

TENTATIVE AGENDA: www.mntownships.org/lr-event

REGISTER ON THIS FORM: https://forms.gle/PWkA7QacmGpYN1R7

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Good morning Clerks,

As I'm preparing the Agenda for the October SCAT meeting, I was reminded that the Association agreed to sponsor and decorate a Sherburne History Center Christmas Tree this year. Chair Felber is asking each township to bring in an ornament from your township to the next meeting, (you are welcome to bring in more than one if you'd like).

Reminder - The SCAT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 21, 2026. Dinner at 6 and Business meeting at 7. Becker Township will be hosting the meal and providing the Township Spotlight presentation.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Enjoy the day!

Francine Larson

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From: Derek Baas Derek.Baas@co.sherburne.mn.us
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Greetings,

Your presence is requested at the 2nd and final Planning Team Meeting for the update of the **Sherburne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP).** You are requested to participate in this vital meeting because you have a position of administrative or departmental responsibility within either the county, a municipal government, or are a key stakeholder related to the planning process. Emergency Managers from neighboring jurisdictions are also encouraged to attend so we may strengthen our shared mitigation efforts. We will be holding the meeting virtually using Zoom webinar.

Please click on the link below to register.

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Time: 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Register here for the meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an overview of the plan and interactive website, including a review of the updated risk assessment for natural hazards that affect the county. We will also discuss the Mitigation Action Charts that will be specific to Sherburne County and each city, as well as funding opportunities available under the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs.

Your participation in this meeting and feedback on the draft plan is important to us. The draft Sherburne County HMP is nearing completion and will be ready for review by planning team members and the public in the coming weeks.

When you register, you will automatically be placed on an RSVP list. If you are not able to attend, please consider sending another representative in your stead.

Thank you,

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Township Planning & Zoning Legal Seminar

Presented by:

Couri & Ruppe Law Office

Topics to be Presented:

- **Fundamentals of Processing a Zoning Request**
- **Is Your Township Implementing the Essential Elements of Proper Planning and Zoning Administration?**
- **Lost or Found – How To Develop Good Findings of Fact**
- **It's ALL About the CONDITIONS – Processing CUP and IUP Applications**
- **Variances – A Riddle Wrapped in a Mystery Inside an Enigma**
- **Bringing Your Zoning Ordinance into the 21st Century**

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2026
Time: 9:00am-2:30pm
Location: MN Assoc. of Townships Building
805 Central Avenue East
St. Michael, MN 55376

Please Note: This seminar is FREE and designed specfically for Townships that administer their own Planning & Zoning. Due to limited space, please register only ONE representative per Township.

Please contact Kathy Budish to register.
Email: kathy@couriruppe.com or Call: 763-497-1930

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Hi Tammy,

At Town Web, we build websites for municipalities of every size, and lately you've been asking us the same very important questions:

What does website accessibility actually require? What are the ADA rules, and when do they take effect? What does Town Web handle, and what stays with you?

We are hosting a free 60-minute webinar to answer those questions in plain terms, and we would like you to be there.

Accessibility for Municipal Websites

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 12 PM Central
Presented by Ivan Cvetkovic, Platform and Systems Operations
Moderated by Jelena, Head of Customer Success

Here is what we will cover:

• The basics (without the jargon) of WCAG 2.1 Level AA, the technical standard for municipal websites under Title II of the ADA
• The 2 deadlines you should know about (and which one applies to you)
• What Town Web builds and maintains, and what stays on your side
• 4 practical habits that make the biggest difference for accessibility
• 3 common myths about website accessibility (and what you need to know instead)
• A live screen reader demo on a real municipal site

Register for the webinar

We record the whole session and send the recording, the slides, and a transcript to everyone who registers, including anyone who can't make it live. Live human captions will be on throughout. If you need an interpreter, let us know when you register, and we will arrange one.

We hope to see you there!

The Town Web Team

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