



**HIRAM TOWNSHIP 5814 HIRAM 1
HACKENSACK, MN 56452
Hiram Township Annual Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2025**

Guests: Jim McGill, Dave Morris, Shelly Ganz (via Zoom), Jim Zierhut

Board: Mary Olson

Meeting was called to order by Mary Olson at 5:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Moderator: Jim Zierhut nominated Jim McGill for Moderator.

M/S/P: Zierhut/Morris approved nomination for Jim McGill to be Moderator. Motion carried.

Agenda: Meeting Agenda for March 11, 2025 was reviewed; no corrections, no additions.

Meeting: M/S/P: McGill/Morris to approve Annual Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024.

Motion carried. M/S/P: Zierhut/Morris to approve the Board of Audit Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: 2024 Starting Balance: \$690,475.78, Income: \$308,285.66, Expenses: \$475,028.63, Year End Balance: \$525,974.87

M/S/P: McGill/Zierhut to approve the Treasurers report for 2024. Motion carried.

Annual Road Report: Jim Zierhut reported that Hiram Township has 22.75 miles of road. Six miles of paved road and 16.75 miles of gravel road. Hiram has in place a gravel rotation plan. Each year three inches of class 1, modified gravel, compacted to two inches, is added to approximately four miles of gravel roads. Road's graveled in 2024 are H2 Ford Drive, H6 63rd, Windsong, H8 Ader Lane, H13 Long Beach Drive, H14 Plainview, 60th Avenue, H16/16A Island View and Walnut Trail. Other road maintenance performed: crack sealing of existing paved road. Six miles culvert maintenance, replacement, blacktop patching, ditch mowing, regular road grading in the summer and snowplowing in the winter. Total road maintenance cost for 2024 \$160,240.31.

New Townhall Report: Jim Zierhut reported Hiram Township board acquired five acres of Cass County managed state land in the Fall of 2023; with the intention of building a new Hiram Township Hall. The facility is an improvement over the existing Town Hall. It has an office and public restrooms and a kitchenette. Township Board is considering a rental policy to make the building available to the public. The property is located at the corner of H1 and H3, S.E. corner, 5895 – 36th Street N.W. Hiram set a budget of \$250,000.00 for the building and site development. To date, \$242,812.08 has been spent. The building is 99% finished. Final inspections are completed. There is an outstanding payment due to the HVAC contractor; pending installation of a mini-split heating/AC unit. This cost will be less than \$20,000.00 for the complete system. Putting the project over budget by approximately 10%. Board decisions

made during the construction phase generated this overage. Hiram Board took all decisions seriously with individual considerations and discussion for all items not in the budget.

Fire/Emergency Management Report: A mock train/bus derailment took place on January 13, 2025. In 2024, Emergency Management drones were used a total of 24 times. Seven times were during the aftermath of an emergency situation that involved risk/death/bodily harm to a person. Two times to collect information of criminal activity. Thirteen times over a public area for officer training or public relations. Two times for purposes unrelated to law enforcement. The cost of the UAV Program was \$9,482.94. Ice Rescue Training was held March 14 and 15th. The 2025 scheduled meetings will be held on April 22, July 22 and October 28, 2025. Ambulance created new taxing district. Old ambulance service handled by North Memorial. Eighty people attended the meeting in support of the taxing district. Taxing district would be Cass County at 72% and 28% Hubbard County. This would not take effect until 2026 and could add approximately \$55.00 tax increase to real estate.

Donations: M/S/P: Morris/McGill motion recommended to Township Supervisors to continue discussion regarding donation requests on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 5:30. Motion carried.

2026 Levy: M/S/P: McGill/Zierhut motion recommended to adopt the 2026 Levy. Road/Bridge: \$165,000.00, General: \$65,000.00, Fire: \$48,000.00, EMT: \$12,000.00, TOTAL 2026 LEVY: \$290,000.00. Motion carried.

General Discussions: None

M/S/P: Zierhut/Morris motion to set the location for the next Annual Meeting at the new Town Hall on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 (Township Day) at 9:30 am. Motion carried.
M/S/P: McGill/Morris motion to set inclement weather date for Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 9:30 am. Motion carried.

M/S/P: McGill/Morris motion to continue at 5:30 pm on March 18, 2025 due to a notice error. Motion carried.

James W. McGill
Supervisor Signature

4-8-25
Date

Mary Olson
Township Clerk

4-8-2025
Date