



**HIRAM TOWNSHIP 5814 HIRAM 1  
HACKENSACK, MN 56452  
HIRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

Regular scheduled meeting of the month was called to order on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 5:40 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**Present:** Jim McGill, Dave Morris (via ZOOM), Jim Zierhut, Shelly Ganz and, Mary Olson

**Guests:** Rick Boeckman, Denny Abbott, Al Linberger, Derek Penner, Terry Bergstrom, Terrance Cook, Kenny Swanson, Ricky Semmler, Amanda Semmler and Mike Tauber

**M/S/P:** McGill/Zierhut to approve regular Township Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2025 with minor changes. Motion carried.

**M/S/P:** McGill/Morris to approve Annual Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2025 with minor changes. Motion carried.

**CONTINUATION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2025**

Continued discussion regarding donation requests at the Annual meeting. Donation requests received from last year 2024: Faith In Action \$1,200, Family Safety Network \$500, Crisis Line Referral \$300, First Call 211 \$200, Cass County Museum \$150, Support Within Reach \$200, Cass County Fair \$200, Northern Waters Land Trust \$200.

**M/S/P:** McGill/Morris to approve the 2025 donation requests as long as the proper forms/documentation is received: BI-CAP \$200, Faith In Action \$1500, Cass County Museum \$150, Support within Reach Sexual Violence Resource Center \$200, Lakes Area Dive Team \$100. A Township meeting participant suggested to modify the amount of the donation for Faith In Action to be increased to \$2000.

**M/S/P:** Morris/Zierhut to approve the donation increase amount of \$1200 to \$2000 to Faith In Action. Motion carried.

Adjourn this portion of the meeting until Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 9:30 am.



### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Derek Penner, address 5168 Ironwood Lane, northwest on Birch Lake; property is next to Ironwood Lane on the north-northeast property line. Mr. Penner is requesting Hiram Township to vacate this road. Mr. Penner informed the board that this road is not being used. McGill informed Mr. Penner that there is a formal process required to make a proper Vacate request. This information can be found on the State/County website. Mr. Penner would need to provide the board with the proper documentation to complete the process and upon receiving the information a Public Hearing would have to take place regarding this matter. McGill informed Mr. Penner that upcoming Hiram road inspections will be taking place in April. This would be an opportunity to schedule an appointment with the Township Board during these inspections to visit his site.

Amanda Semmler, representative from RAS Excavating, LLC addressed the Board regarding submitting a road maintenance and weed spraying service contract for consideration. McGill requested Ms. Semmler to provide the Township with an itemized list that included cost for these services for the Board to review.

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

M/S/P: Morris/Zierhut to approve the Treasurer's report: Beginning Balance: \$499, 010.45, \$22, 348.01 Receipts, \$73,677.21 Expenses, CD Adjustment 58.80. Ending Balance: \$447,672.45. Motion carried.

### **SUPERVISORS REPORTS:**

Jim McGill,- gave an update on the Land Title Summons Hiram Township received on behalf of Daniel and Brenda Scherer. McGill provided Attorney Andy Shaw a copy of the Title Application and Summons for his review. Requesting information from Attorney Breen; a copy of proposed findings and legal descriptions they would be providing to the court. Shaw informed McGill that he does not foresee any problems so long as the road is referenced as a 66 foot right of way. Attorney Person agreed; now waiting to see what further action is necessary or required from the Township. McGill and Zierhut to attend the Short Course held in Bemidji on April 2, 2025. McGill and Zierhut will look into the appliances for the new Town Hall and give an update at the next scheduled meeting. Road Inspections will be on the following dates: Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 9:30 am and Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 9:30 am. If increment weather, inspection date will be Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 9:30 am. McGill suggested to find ways to try to enhance the internet service for the new Town Hall building.



**Dave Morris** – The next Emergency Management meeting will be held April 22, 2025. Morris reached out to Birch Lake Association in regards to the Birch Lake access. They are working with Cass County for guidance. The County has agreed to attend one of Hiram Township meetings to explain options regarding the lake access.

**Jim Zierhut:** Zierhut responded to a resident call regarding snowplowing over the weekend. The Complaint was the road seemed to be damaged on the sides. Zierhut informed the board that the road would be inspected during the April road inspections and that the City Clerk will respond by email informing the resident of this. Zierhut received three quotes for blacktopping the new Town Hall parking lot. This topic was put on hold for further discussion to take place after the road inspections. Zierhut had a mutual discussion with Birch Lake Township regarding the maintenance of Birch Lake Drive and Woodland Drive. Further discussion is needed to draft an agreement between Birch Lake and Hiram Township. A beaver trapper out of Bemidji has been contacted and a cost of \$35 a beaver was provided. This cost could be higher.

**CLAIMS:** M/S/P: Zierhut/Morris to approve 23 checks: 6655-6678, 1 voided check #6665, 3 Electronic Funds Transfer totaling \$16,116.07. Motion Carried.  
M/S/P: McGill/Morris to approve Zierhut to sign checks in McGill's absence. Motion carried.

M/P/S: McGill/Morris to adjourn meeting at 6:56 pm. Motion carried.

James W. McGill  
Supervisor Signature

5-13-25  
Date

Mary Olson  
Township Clerk

5-13-2025  
Date