



**HIRAM TOWNSHIP 5814 HIRAM 1
HACKENSACK, MN 56452
HIRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

Regular scheduled meeting of the month was called to order on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 9:30 am.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Present: Jim McGill, Dave Morris, Jim Zierhut, Shelly Ganz and Mary Olson

Guests: Jon Bohn, Ricky Semmler and Ralph Neil

M/S/P: McGill/Zierhut to approve regular Township Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2025 with a minor change. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Township received a letter from Cass County Highway Department regarding available gravel materials for purchase for Township needs. Supervisor Zierhut stated that these services have been offered in the past. However, Hiram Township does not have their own machinery to transport the materials. Supervisors will be assessing the Township needs during the road inspections.

TREASURERS REPORT:

M/S/P: Morris/McGill to approve the Treasurer's report: Beginning Balance: \$447,672.45, Receipts, \$1,646.41 Expenses, \$16,116.07 CD Adjustment + \$243.30. Current Balance: \$433,446.09. Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

Jim McGill- Supervisor McGill wanted to address the internet service at the new town hall. At the last meeting there were issues of internet connection being interrupted. Supervisor McGill would like to purchase Owl Video/Conferencing Equipment this fall so that there will be better connection when conducting web conferences and meetings. The Township

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received an email from a resident regarding well water that was tested. Supervisor McGill will be reaching out to Cass County Environmental Services for guidance and more information on this issue/concern. McGill gave a brief update on the Land Title Summons Hiram Township received on behalf of Daniel and Brenda Scherer. No problems are foreseen as long as the road is referenced as a 66 foot right of way. McGill, Zierhut and Morris will be attending the rescheduled Short Course held in Bemidji the first week in May. McGill and Zierhut will look into the appliances for the new Town Hall and give an update at the next scheduled meeting. Reminder that the 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, the inspection date will be Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 9:30 am. Reminder of the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting on April 14, 2025 via the web through Cass County.

Jim Zierhut: Supervisor Zierhut provided information regarding quotes received for crack sealing and for the completion of the new Town Hall parking lot. Zierhut stated that he would like to go with Cabin Care at this time for the crack sealing. They are available and can complete the project by the weekend of April 12. Discussion was tabled regarding the Town Hall parking lot until after the Road Inspections and a better assessment can be made regarding the parking lot. Supervisor Zierhut requested Mr. Semmler, from RAS Excavating, to provide an assessment to Hiram Township for the cost of a weed inspection and identification to be conducted in June, 2025. Zierhut reached out to Swenson Aggregate blade operator to see how the roads are looking and if they have any recommendations. Supervisor Zierhut was informed that the gravel rotation has been effective and the roads are in good condition. The only road needing gravel is H9.

M/S/P: Zierhut/Morris to approve the hire of Cabin Care at \$14,884.00 to do the crack sealing. Motion carried.

M/S/P: McGill/Zierhut to table discussion regarding the Hiram Township Parking Lot and side walk until after the Road Inspections are completed. Motion carried.

M/S/P: McGill/Zierhut to discuss further the gravel rotation after the Road Inspections are completed. Motion carried.

Dave Morris – Supervisor Morris reached out to Josh Stevenson, the Cass County Administrator, to clarify the Ambulance Service District percentages allocated to both Cass County and Hubbard County. Morris confirmed that 72% for Cass County and 28% for Hubbard County will be the percentage based on the assessed valuation of properties within these two counties. Stevenson informed Morris that the assessed rate is 1.9% of the assessed valuation. This means ambulance services are going to be assessed to real estate taxes beginning in 2026. The addendum to taxes will be \$50-\$60.00 based on a \$320,000.00

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property valuation. There are going to be three Cass County supervisors that are going to be on the Ambulance District Board; as well as two supervisors from Hubbard County. Morris had spoken with a concerned citizen regarding the access on Woodland Drive. Morris spoke with Mark Erickson with the Birch Lake Association. Mr. Erickson informed Morris that he is working with the Cass County Environmental Department regarding implementation of some environmental planting at the access; which will protect the shore line and discourage people from using the access.

CLAIMS: M/S/P: McGill/Morris to approve 17 checks and 2 Electronic Funds Transfer: 6679-6695 in the amount of \$13,377.44. Motion carried. M/S/P: McGill/Zierhut to transfer \$15,000 from First National Bank Savings to Checking. Motion carried. M/S/P: Morris/Zierhut to transfer \$20,000.00 from Edward Jones to First National Bank out of the General Fund to transfer to checking. Transfer \$3,000.00 out of the First National Checking out of Fire fund to Edward Jones. A net transfer of \$17,000.00 out of Edward Jones to First National. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting scheduled for April 14, 2025 at 10:00 will be via zoom. Consumer Cellar bill pay was tabled until more information can be received. Clerk Olson requested a drop box outside of the new Town Hall be installed. A donation request was received from the Pine River Public Library and the Library Building Foundation. This issue was tabled until further information was received regarding their request. Weed Inspection Training will be held on May 2, 2025 from 9:00 am until 11:30 am. Received information regarding the road construction of the new round-about on Highway 371 in Hackensack. Letter was received from JH Lawn Solutions regarding information on services they provide. The Fish Hatchery Tour will be held on April 19, 2025 at 8:00 am; meeting at the Boy River west of Longville on County Road 5.

M/P/S: Zierhut/McGill to adjourn meeting at 11:34 am. Motion carried.

James W. McGill
Supervisor Signature

Mary Olson
Township Clerk

5-13-25
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