



**HIRAM TOWNSHIP
5895 – 36th STREET N.W.
AKELEY, MN 56433
HIRAM TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2025**

Regular scheduled meeting of the month was called to order on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 9:30 am.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Present: Jim McGill, Dave Morris, Jim Zierhut, Shelly Ganz and Carla Baker

Guests: Jon Bohn, Ralph Neil, Bill Hanley

M/S/P: McGill/Zierhut to approve regular Township Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2025. Motion carried.

M/S/P: McGill/Morris to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on September 30, 2025, with amended attendees following the sign up sheet. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Introduction of the new Clerk, Carla Baker.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

M/S/P: Morris/McGill to approve Treasurer’s report as presented: Beginning Balance: \$412,097.76, Receipts: \$15,593.59, Expenses: \$22,580.83, CD Adjustment of \$+63.02. Current Balance: \$405,173.34. Edward Jones cash in of \$50,000 CD was not reflected in the cash account until October 6, 2025. Suggestion of using a debit card from First National Bank, to be explored further. Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Supervisor McGill – “For Sale” sign up on the town hall is not going to happen this Fall. We can start getting ready on a few things so we can go in the Spring. 1. Place stakes/ ribbon at the survey corners, survey marks. 2. Repair hole in front of the building, from the air exchanger. 3. Remove the voting booths. 4. Exterior of the windows need to be painted. 5. Get it off the demolition list. Supervisor Morris to call Stevenson. 6. Get rid of furnishings and donate to the thrift store in Hackensack. One voting box can be donated to Cass County Museum. The other one can be kept to have an old style/ new style in the new town hall.

BICAP in Walker is an option to sell the chairs on consignment. No need to call Pat Moran at the moment.

Discussed future needs for Hiram highway 1 to reserve funds for that project – about \$90,000 per year.

Talked about how we can save money if we switch to a 5 year or a 6 year gravel rotation to help offset funds for the black top. We should think about an implementation date of January 2026.

Talked about how we can save on mileage: new clerk can prepare or email to Supervisor McGill and Supervisor Morris the special postings and they can post them in the town hall and Supervisor Morris' house.

M/S/P: McGill/Morris to acquire Hackensack PO Box to stabilize mailing address. A small one will be rented monthly for \$88. Motion carried.

M/S/P: McGill/Morris to implement office hours for the clerk from 12:00pm to 2:00pm every second Tuesday of the month. Motion carried.

Need to find an alternative website. Clerk to contact Leslie Rosedahl (IT Resource Director) to find information on process and cost to change website to .gov.

Updated regarding Petersen matter, pictures were forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

Supervisor Zierhut: No confirmation yet regarding the registration of marijuana business with the county. Supervisor Morris to check on it. Supervisor Morris contacted Julie Maag who is wondering if 5526 Whispering Pines Lane is a township road. Need to discuss with her potential for petition if it is not.

The dual fuel system is working so we are now in electric boiler. Electrician also put up light in the attic. Something to be explored is a digital signboard that can be edited through the phone. Need to check with Itasca Mantrap to see if we can get a rebate on this and the electric boiler. Supervisor McGill to check with accountant if we could get 30% energy credits.

Need to put up "Blind Approach" sign on Woodland Drive, after you cross Hiram (north side), to slow people down. This will be checked during road inspection on Friday.

Supervisor Morris: Reported on the Cass County Association of Township meeting budget report and impact on Cass County residents' property taxes.

CLAIMS:

M/S/P: McGill/Morris to approve the claims as presented 23 checks 6803-6825, Two Electronic Funds Transfer, total of \$15,083.71. Motion carried

ADDITONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Our new town hall has the option to be the new polling place. More details need to be gathered. Discussed MN paid leave as well. To discuss further if new town hall will be available for precinct caucuses on February 2, 2026.

M/S/P: McGill/Morris to adjourn meeting at 11:24 am. Motion carried.