



**HIRAM TOWNSHIP
5895 – 36th STREET N.W.
AKELEY, MN 56433
HIRAM TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2026**

Regular scheduled meeting of the month was called to order on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:18pm.

Present: Jim McGill (via Zoom), Dave Morris, Jim Zierhut, Shelly Ganz and Carla Baker

Guest: Jon Bohn, Ralph Neil

M/S/P: Morris/ Zierhut to approve regular Township Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2026. **Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S ANNUAL REPORT:

M/S/P: Zierhut/Morris to approve Annual Treasurer’s Report as presented: Beginning \$525,974.87, Receipts of \$345,867.27, Expenses of \$395,466.41, CD Adjustment of -\$69.18, \$476,306.55. **Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT:

M/S/P: Zierhut/Morris to approve January Treasurer’s report as presented: Beginning Balance: \$476,306.55, Receipts: \$16,659.77, Expenses: \$9,598.04, CD Adjustment of -\$132.16. Current Balance: \$483,236.06. Reconciled with Clerk for January. **Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

Carla to investigate previous emails from Tim’s correspondence regarding .gov domain. Mr. Pat Moran estimates the sale of the old town hall to be about \$70,000 to \$75,000 and suggests that it be completed before the thaw. Carla will send Supervisors MAT’s latest rental policy. The Board discussed the potential purchase of a 12x16’ storage building with 7ft walls. There was discussion about applying for additional Sourcwell funds after all office furnishings have been installed. Supervisor McGill has drafted the Minimum Maintenance Road Resolution and intends to send it before the March monthly meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation requests will be discussed and approved during the Annual Meeting in March. The Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2026 at 2:00pm, with Shelly serving as the Deputy Clerk. Regular monthly meeting will be held on the same day at 5:30pm. Carla to look into possibility of joining the Spring Short Course offered by MAT on March 23 in Brainerd. The Board discussed internet issues and identified contacts for options.

M/S/P: McGill/Morris to approve new town hall rental rate of \$50 plus a \$25 cleaning deposit until formal policy is established. **Motion carried.**

M/S/P: McGill/Morris to approve the road maintenance plan for 2026, which includes Mr. Zierhut's 6-year gravel rotation cycle as a guideline with Board discretion to modify it based on inspections. **Motion carried.**

M/S/P: Morris/ Zierhut to approve the new town hall as the voting site for the 2026 election, with Carla to prepare and submit a resolution to the county election coordinator. **Motion carried.**

M/S/P: Zierhut/McGill to approve township to cover both the employee and employer portions of the paid leave premiums. Two yays and one nay. **Motion carried.**

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Supervisor Zierhut: Informed everyone that the boiler leak in the town hall is finally fixed. He is also going to contact TDS to confirm whether fiber connection is coming this summer or not.

CLERK'S REPORT

Received an email from a title company and confirmed with the Board on how handle such emails.

CLAIMS:

M/S/P: Zierhut/Morris to approve the claims as presented 12 checks 6863-6874, two electronic funds transfer for total of \$9,598.04. Supervisor Zierhut to sign checks in Supervisor McGill's physical absence. **Motion carried.**

M/S/P: McGill/Morris to adjourn meeting at 11:42 am. **Motion carried.**