



**HIRAM TOWNSHIP
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AKELEY, MN 56433
HIRAM TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2026**

Regular scheduled meeting of the month was called to order on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 5:26pm.

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

Guest: Jon Bohn, Nancy Semmler, Jim Lundgren, Derek Penner, Levi Holsapple

M/S/P: McGill/ Morris to approve regular Township Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2026. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT:

M/S/P: McGill/ Morris to approve Monthly Treasurer’s Report as presented: Beginning \$440,883.11 Receipts of \$864.95, Expenses of \$13,772.15 CD Adjustment of -\$59.36, \$427,916.55. Motion carried.

Clerk & Treasurer April reconciliation tabled, to give update next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Mike Schmitt - Video Conference OWL equipment training: Addressed questions about storing and accessing the system. Setup QR Code for Hiram Guests access to wifi.
- b. Annie Knight - Conservation Easement on township 40: Unable to attend. Tabled for next meeting.
- c. Sourcewell Grant final report: All invoices are already with Supervisor McGill. He will submit it to Sourcewell.
- d. Mowing contract - Presented Levi Holsapple’s quotation of \$120/ hour.
M/S/P: McGill/ Morris to award contract to Levi Holsapple. Motion carried.
- e. Sale of Old Town Hall up-date: Lady from Iowa withdrew interest. Still has multiple showings scheduled.

- f. Forseman Point Drive up-date: Residents were happy. Supervisor Zierhut to check on the side specs for the road.
- g. Storage Sheds: Discussed preferred storage based on the photos shared through email.
M/S/P: McGill/ Morris to purchase 12x16 shed with roll up door & service door for \$4,500. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Notification to MPL and any other public utilities about utility work being done in Hiram township: Supervisor Zierhut to work with Carla to put a letter of "Request of Notification" from TDS, Itasca, Arvig.
- b. Derek Penner (Iron Lane road vacation): Provided petition with 8 signatures from his neighbors to vacate the road. Board presented DNR's position on the vacation. They advised that this will be turned over to the township attorney. Mr. Penner will also look into reviewing his options should he move forward with the request.
- c. Treasurer resignation: Discussed some people who might be interested to take on the position. Shelly to provide an updated job description to Carla. Supervisor McGill and Carla to work on a "Help Wanted" add to be posted in Pine Cone Press/ Walker Paper.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Supervisor McGill: Will attend the Local Weed Inspector Training and MAT Town Law. He also noted that the whiteboard is damaged and needs to be replaced.

M/S/P: McGill/ Zierhut to approve \$75 training fee and overnight stay for MAT Town Law. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Zierhut: Will be attending the Local Weed Inspector Training.

Supervisor Morris: Will be attending the Local Weed Inspector Training.

CLERK'S REPORT: Provided election updates such as reaching out to previous election judges, sending out notices to Hiram residents, and election training set in June.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Jim Lundgren introduced himself and stated that he plans to run for District 3 commissioner in the upcoming election.

CLAIMS:

M/S/P: McGill/ Zierhut to approve the claims as presented 18 checks 6934 to 6951, 2 void checks 6905 and 6929, 6 electronic funds transfer for a total of \$17,316.35. Motion carried.

M/S/P: McGill/ Morris to approve transfer of \$6,000 from Edward Jones Cash to First National Bank (FNB) checking. Road & Bridge account of \$20,000 from FNB Savings to FNB Checking.

Motion carried.

OTHERS: Up North Plumbing - confirm if another bill will be issued for previous work.

M/S/P: McGill/ Morris to adjourn meeting at 7:37pm. **Motion carried.**