LINWOOD TOWNSHIP

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Special Town Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 9, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Jonn Olson, Chair
Pledge to the Flag
Roll Call

Commission members present:	Lisa Henrickson, Andy Luedtke, Jonn Olson, Dan Lametti
Commission members absent:	Samuel Cole
Staff present:	Alicia Morris, Treasurer
Staff absent:	Billi Larson
Attorney present:	NA
Abdo present:	Ashley Feldewerd
Residents present:	Sandy Lathum

PUBLIC FORUM
None

NEW BUSINESS

2026 and 2027 Budget and Levy Discussion

- Ashley Feldewerd, Abdo, spoke regarding the 2026 and 2027 projected budgets, noting they have not been approved by the board and were created by Abdo as a starting point.
  - Operational levy
    - Purpose is to fund the township's general operations to maintain core services.
  - Capital levy
    - Purpose is to start planning for equipment and infrastructure needs.

- The 2026 budget has been approved, but departmental allocations have not been confirmed.
- The budget objective is to create a balanced levy and a break-even point in the budget.
- Based on historical data, Abdo determined a 1% increase in the fiscal disparities shown in the numbers in the document as well as a 3% increase in the tax capacity.
- Andy Luedtke advised Abdo that there are some capital expenditures allocated to line items in the operational budget, for items such as office equipment and furnishings, other small equipment, fixtures, and furniture. These items are not typically considered to be capital purchases, but because previous budgets have been allocated as such, they left the allocations as is.
- Definition of fiscal disparities: some cities within Anoka County are made up of commercial/industrial areas which have a higher tax base than residential areas. Residential areas result in less tax dollars than the commercial/industrial tax base. The State gives back to the residential areas (like Linwood Township) in the form of Fiscal Disparity Funds in order to help reduce the impact of the levy to the residents.
- Definition of tax capacity: two ways tax capacity grows: one is inflationary and the other is new construction.
- Abdo noted that Linwood Township has done a great job of keeping the tax rate stable over the years.
- The OSA recommends line-item categories and Linwood Township has followed that structure for the past several years.
- Abdo noted that there will be some adjustments on the 2025 audit; Andy and Alicia are working on recoding things to ensure everything is allocated perfectly. That needs to be done for audit prep and to ensure items are included in the right line.
- The new accounting software the township is bringing online will be a 100% improvement over the current software. It will allow the township to see real-time data in each funding line.
- The proposed Levi for 2027 will be $1,414,327, however, the board anticipates cuts by the residents as they are unlikely to approve a budget increase of $314,000.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Town Board Meeting -March 10, 2026, 5:30pm
Township Annual Meeting – March 10, 2026, 7:00pm
Cemetery Committee – March 11, 2026, 10:00am
Planning & Zoning Committee – March 17, 2026, 6:00pm
Town Board Workshop – March 24, 2026, 5:30pm

The next Regular Town Board Meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2026, 5:30pm

Motion by Jonn Olson to adjourn, seconded by Dan Lametti.
All ayes. Motion carried. (3-0). Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Hurtley, Contract Office Assistant

Minutes Approved: April 14, 2026

Chairperson: _____
Jonn Olson

Julie Dahnke
Interim Clerk