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Township Annual Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2026

Attendance: There were 53 people attending the Annual Meeting in person. The following people signed the attendance sheet: Hank Senger, Susan Gulbranson, Sandy Lathrop, Edward Kramer, Karen Kramer, Ted Zempel, Barb Zempel, Theodore Engen, Joe Dolphy, Jan Dolphy, Cynthia Gruett, Brian McCullough, L. Campbell, Dave Riopel, Mark Boyum, Don Luedtke, Terrie Leudtke, Julia Beckstrom, Julie Nelson, Nicolle Nadeau, Michael Raml, Danny Jackle, Jim Stockinger, Charles Scripter, Todd Wilson, Tony Desjardine, Dan Forbord, Beth Riopel, Craig Rylander, Jane Rylander, Jason Theis, Lloyd Horton, Julie Hanna, Jim Garrison, Larry Olson, Lorie Keister, Gordy Briden, Julie Briden, Chris Rolstad, Philip Overhus, Concha Brown, Lisa Henrickson, Darryl Ballman, Jeff Reinert, Austin Sonterre, Randy Krebs, Dan Lemetti, Christa Wilson, Ron Schally, Ben Harker

Call to Order: The meeting began at 7:03pm with discussion from Town Board Attorney, Mark Allseits regarding statutory requirements for the annual meeting and the need to appoint a temporary chair to conduct the meeting until a moderator could be elected.

Election of Temporary Chair: A nomination was made for Joe Dolphy to serve as chair for the beginning portion of the meeting.

Seeing no additional nominations, a voice vote/applause vote was taken.
Joe Dolphi received the majority approval and assumed the role of chair for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Election of Meeting Clerk: Chair Dolphy opened nominations for Clerk. Jonn Olson nominated Alicia Morris, Sandy Lathrop nominated Austin Sonterre. Additional nominations were requested. Hearing none, a voice vote/applause vote was taken. At 7:10pm Alicia Morris received the majority's approval.

Election of Moderator: Karen Kramer nominated Jim Garrison as moderator, Andy Luedtke nominated Cory Williams, Dan Lametti nominated Dave Riopel. Mr. Riopel declined. Seeing no

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additional nominations, a hand count vote was taken. At 7:15pm Jim Garrison was nominated with a 29 – 19 vote.

Approval of Agenda

7:20pm Ed Kramer motioned to approve the agenda, Sandy Lathrop motioned to allow public comment. Mr. Kramer motion to add time limit. 7:25 Ms. Lathrop motion to allow three-minutes per person; seconded by Cynthia Gruett. Overwhelming hand majority.

Introduction of the Board of Supervisors: Mr. Garrison introduced the town board of supervisors who were present – Chairperson Jonn Olson, Vice Chairperson Andrew Luedtke, Supervisor Lisa Henrickson, Supervisor Sam Cole and Supervisor Dan Lametti.

Dispense with reading of and approve the Annual Meeting mi[illegible]tes from 2025: Overwhelming hand majority.

Anoka County Sheriff's Office: Lieutenant Douglas intr[illegible]uced himself and introduced Chief Deputy Jacobson, Commander Erickson, and Deputies Swatski and Rosar[illegible]e ACSO discussed hours of patrol, traffic tickets, safety in our commu[illegible]ty, an[illegible]ontract information.

County Commissioner: Jeff Reinert, District 6 County Co[illegible]missioner, spoke about his focus on the proposed jail and its financial impact f[illegible] A[illegible] County.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Darryl Ballman i[illegible]ro[illegible]ced himself in addition to Assistant Chief Mike Raml and Assistant Chief [illegible] Sc[illegible]kinger. [illegible]e fire department reviewed multiple slides highlighting officers, promo[illegible]ons and [illegible]ew staff. [illegible]lso discussed total incidents in the area and updates on the new fire tru[illegible] expe[illegible] [illegible]elivered in the summer of 2026.

Planning & Zoning[illegible]rson [illegible] Dolphy discussed accessory building ordinance and possible amend[illegible]ents.

Parks: Park and [illegible]reation Co[illegible]mittee Chairperson Dot Forbord and Vice Chairperson Beth Riopel discussed the [illegible]oals [illegible]cementing and fixing the lights at the hockey rink and repairs needed for the tennis c[illegible], and adult exercise equipment. This year they are looking to try goats to mitigate invasive species and mowing less for cost savings. They are currently looking to fill three seats on their committee.

Senior and Community Center: Vice Chairperson Andy Luedtke highlighted the monthly activities and reminded everyone of the Easter event on Saturday, April 4th, 2026.

Recycling: Vice Chairperson Andy Luedtke highlighted the new Re-Use building is now open. The tonnage goal for 2025 was 586; actual tonnage collected was 1259.94. In 2025, Linwood received 14.03 tons of food to distribute to the community which was 145 trips from volunteer drivers.

Cemetery: Cemetery Sexton Craig Rylander reminded residents that plots are free for them and briefly discussed the cemetery regulations.

Annual Road Report: Chairperson Jonn Olson presented the Annual Road Report, discussing the 2025 ending balance, $159,200 and 2025 Capitol ending balance $411,722. Also reviewed street sweeping, the Martin Lake Road project and some of the larger expenses for 2025.

Resident Comments/Discussion: Brian McCullough requesting clarification of how the board uses the levy. Attorney Allseits addressed the question providing the options of the Electorate.

Request for Funds: The proposed amount for Historical or General Community Celebrations of $26,000, Family FunFest of $23,000, Recognitition of Service for Reitrees/Volunteers/Special Service Efforts of $1,000, and Health/Social/Recreational Services of $1,750. Joe Dolphy motion to approve all requests for funds; seconded by Phillip Osterhus.

Financial report with Budget & Levy Discussion: ABDO representative Ashley Feldewerd provided the 2025 financial presentation. She highlighted the tax levy and tax rate trends, and budget and levied fund summaries. The proposed levy is for $2,414,327 which is a 14% increase from 2026.

2027 Levy: Joe Dolphy motioned to set the levy at $2,150,000; seconded by Phillip Osterhus. The motion failed with 6 voting in favor and majority hand opposed.

Cory Williams motioned to set the levy at $2,414,327; seconded by Ben Harker. The motion carried with 34 voting in favor and 11 opposed.

Next Annual Meeting: Dave Riopelle motioned to hold the next Annual Meeting at the Town Hall March 9th, 2027 at 7:00pm; seconded by Pam Matti. The motion carried majority hand vote.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Justin Sonterre; seconded by Beth Riopel. Motion carried with all residents voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alicia Morris, appointed meeting Clerk.

Minutes Approved:

Jim Garrison Appointed Moderator

No motion to reconsider any motions made.

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