

**Moose Lake Township
Annual Meeting, March 10, 2026**

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Clerk Donna Kirk. Those present are as follows: Chair and Supervisor Robert Moffett Jr. Supervisor Steve Aldrin, Supervisor Tracy Matuseski, Treasurer Dawn Moffett, Amy Hessustedt, Bette Skelton, Peter Aleshire, Kristi Skelton, Kris Lyons, Jeff Kirk, Byron Kuster, and Clerk Donna Kirk.

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Clerk Kirk

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Donna Kirk.

The floor was opened for nominations for moderator. Peter Aleshire nominated himself, second by Byron Kuster. There were no other nominations. Motion carried. At this time the meeting was turned over to Peter Aleshire.

Motion was made by Amy Hessustedt to **approve the agenda**, second by Byron Kuster, motion carried.

Minutes of 2025 Annual Meeting - Motion made by Jeff Kirk to approve the 2025 Annual Meeting minutes, second by Amy Hessustedt. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Motion made by Bette Skelton, second by Jeff Kirk to approve the Treasurer's Report with the following end of 2025 balances noted.

General Fund: \$192,255.91 Road and Bridge: \$215,708.80

Donations: (Pickleball) \$21,064.10; (playground) \$3,000

Old CD: \$36,847.56

2019 CD: \$84,609.22

2020 CD: \$84,497.24

Proposed Budget for 2027 – The attached proposed budget was distributed, and the floor opened for questions. Recommendation to show previous year's budget with current proposed budget which will be instituted in following year. \$50,000 proposed for playground at Art Ohlgren Park. Topics of monitoring of the playground, closing the gates/park, and curfew were discussed. Motion to accept the budget including the playground funding made by Byron Kuster, second by Amy Hessustedt. Motion carried.

Newspaper, Depository and Posting Places – The official newspaper will be the Star Gazette. The depository will remain at the First National Bank of Moose Lake and official posting places will remain in the City Hall entrance and DMV board. Township website will also contain information and function as an unofficial posting place. WWW.MooseLakeTownshipMN.org is being updated to mooselaketwpcarltoncomn.gov to meet the township requirements. **Moose Lake Township Regular Monthly Meetings** – will be held on the third **Thursday** of each month at the Moose Lake Community Center starting at 5:30PM.

Motion to accept the newspaper, depository, posting places, and website update, and meeting times by Amy Jessustedt, second by Jeff Kirk. Motion carried.

Updates to Art Olgren Park shared. The pickleball courts continue to be well utilized. An option is being explored to restripe the tennis courts for additional pickleball courts. The surface would need to be resurfaced. The fitness court was completed last year and the disc golf course is on track to be available for use in 2026. A new playground with features for children of ages 2 – 4 and 5 – 12 is a current fundraising project. The remaining feature being explored is a walking trail connecting to the Munger Trail. Funding sources including local organizations, DNR grants, and BN Railroad are being considered. The current building lease expires August 1, 2029. The board is exploring options for meeting space once the current lease concludes.

Reports:

- **Fire District** – Steve provided a printed report highlighting statistics for 2025 fire district activities.
- **MLWSSD** – Byron Kuster shared a year in review for the Moose Lake Windemere Sewer and Sanitary District. Bruce Lourey passed away in 2025, and his position was replaced by Steve Aldrin. The sewer district has been engaged in discussions with the City of Moose Lake regarding extra charge that the city is proposing that would double the fees. The contract stipulates the use of extra fees to be designated to the lines that serve the sewer district. Arbitration and mediation have been utilized to try to come to an agreement. The sewer district has been waiting for the last four months for a response to the most recent sewer district offer. Currently the proposed \$15 fee is not being paid but funds are being set aside in preparation. An item of discussion is accuracy of water flow. Currently there is no additional capacity which is holding up development. The city is reserving some capacity for the new development by Kwik Trip.
- **Library** – no report

Communications and Requests

- Donation requests - Moose Lake Historical Society is requesting \$400 for support of operating expenses and displays. Motion to donate \$400 to the Moose Lake Historical Society made by Byron Kuster, second by Bette Skelton. Motion carried.

The next Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, March 9th, 2027, at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn at 7:57pm was made by Amy Hessustedt, second by Kris Lyons. Motion carried.