

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER
DECEMBER 8TH, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M.**

Chairman Tony Baumann called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Chairman Tony Baumann, Supervisors Darrel Dengel, Matt Leder, Tim Mueske and Scott Oberg in attendance.

Also present: See sign in sheet.

Motion by Matt Leder to accept minutes of November 10th, 2025, Town Meeting as printed, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance as of December 8th, 2025, is \$1,226,268.10. After checks issued on December 8th, 2025, for \$42,222.38 and outstanding checks totaling \$81,571.40. Balance as of December 8th, 2025, \$1,102,474.32. Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve as read, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Matt Leder to approve the vouchers as presented, 2nd by Darrel Dengel; motion carried 5-0.

ROAD REPORT

Chairman Tony Baumann met with American Asphalt to survey the damage done to Lincoln Drive by a piece of equipment being transported to the dump. Tony Baumann and a supervisor will meet with landfill supervision to discuss damages and possible implications.

Tony talked about gravel roads, now that it has frozen, we will be able to sand them.

Tony talked with Tom from Lincoln County Land Services; he is the person that made an inventory of all the Township culverts that have navigable waters. He will be coming to a future Board meeting to discuss them.

Tony and Jason Lemmer will be visiting Swamp Road to get his opinion on how to proceed after the REI survey.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

Changed some wear edges on the equipment.

Moved some lights around on the Peterbilt.

Ordered some new lights for the plow trucks.

Ordered a camera for the Western Star, hopefully this will help the drivers due to the snow wing being in the back of the truck.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This has been moved to the beginning of the meeting, hopefully this will help the Board members with the decision-making process on agenda items.

Donna Vorpapel-Gunther spoke on the old Co-op building they just acquired. They are only in the beginning stages of taking it over, but their goal is to bring something positive and new to the community. They haven't decided what they will be doing with it yet but will be cleaning it up and making it look better.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Tony Baumann talked with REI about surveying Swamp Road and 2 other roads that need to be surveyed, Gibson Drive and Lakeview Ave. Tim Mueske made a motion to approve the survey to be done on Swamp Road, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0. The other 2 roads will be put on the agenda for next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Oberg made a motion to set the date of January 12, 2026, for the January Caucus, 2nd by Darrel Dengel; motion carried 5-0.

Darrel Dengel made a motion to approve the list of Poll Workers for 2026 Chief Inspector-Jan Bares, Alternate Chief Inspector-Coreen Wendorf, Poll workers-Barb Adams, Ann Amenson, Marcey Barney, Jan Black, Gwen Block, Judy Bondioli, Ruth Gebert, Anita Holman, Sarah Monti, Ada Shales & Lynn Zentner, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Darrel Dengel made a motion to approve renewing the CD for 6 months, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Darrel Dengel made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-06 to transfer \$3,000 from Cash Flow Reserve to Building Inspection account, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

There was discussion on leasing the property to the occupant at N2344 Memorial Drive, they have a temporary storage shed and personal property parked on the property that is on the Township's easement. Tony talked with the occupant and suggested a \$200 a month lease, but the occupant said that is too much. There was quite a bit of discussion on whether the Township should even lease the land because of the consequences that the Township could have in the future. Tim Mueske made a motion to lease the land next to N2344 Memorial Drive for \$175 a month, a 6-month non-renewable lease, with the 6 months paid up front. If they do not agree to this, the Township of Merrill will issue a 30-day notice to evict their personal property off the Township's easement. Lease would be starting on January 1, 2026, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

Darrel Dengel made a motion to approve the Open Book date of May 5, 2026, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Darrel Dengel made a motion to approve the Board of Review date of May 12, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

There was discussion on the mailbox damage policy and proper mailbox placement. Once this policy is completed Darrel Dengel suggested we should send a letter including the policy/diagram of the proper placement of mailboxes. This is an ongoing process and will be completed before the 2026-2027 winter season, and will be discussed again next month.

CORRESPONDENCE

Scott Oberg and Tony Baumann talked about permits for utilities. We will discuss it again next month.

ADJOURN

Darrel Dengel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.
The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk