

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER
APRIL 21st, 2026, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING**

Chairman Tony Baumann called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Also present: See sign in sheet.

Motion by Matt Leder to accept minutes of March 9th, 2026, Town Meeting as printed, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance as of April 21st, 2026, is \$1,317,721.13. After checks issued on April 21st, 2026, for \$51,906.30 and outstanding checks totaling \$22.50. Balance as of April 21st, 2026, \$1,265,792.33. Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve as read, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

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

ROAD REPORT

Road weight restrictions are still in effect.

JJ Brush cutting is done cutting Township roads right of way.

There are 2 culverts that are on different roads that need attention. Swamp Road and Timber Lane, after the frost is gone from the road the township will make repairs.

Road inspection has been completed by Supervisors Tim Mueske and Scott Oberg, and Ryan King.

Last week there was an underground contractor installing cable on Norwegian Road, this contractor was working without a permit and is shut down. The township is waiting for a response.

REI is done with the survey work on River Road turn around.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

In the next week or so, the snow equipment will start to be removed starting with the snow wings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott and Sandy Gipple were questioning the survey done on River Road. It seems that every time it has been surveyed over the past 35 years, each one is different. Chairman Tony Baumann said we will put it on Old Business for next month and if they could bring in some documentation that would be helpful.

Kathy Pophal discussed replacing the lights and the disposal of the fluorescent lights.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve option #1 for Town of Merrill electrical bids and to get all four bids, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Discuss Little Florida M.H. park ordinance progress, Tony stopped by Erickson Law Office to find out where they are at with the ordinance, they were to email with the progress but never did.

Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve the Utility Ordinance #2026-01, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Darrel Dengel to put bids out for the assessor's contract, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve Art Lersch as a poll worker, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Matt Leder to approve JJ Brush Cutting to mow the roadside grass in the township, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on brush cutting concerns.

Discussed the "Clean Up Day" posting, change the pricing to be clearer.

Discussed the blizzard recovery program, the numbers and pricing that were figured out and hopefully receive some compensation for it from the State.

Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve the fireworks permit for Mark Latzig starting 07/03/2026, ending 07/05/2026, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Tim Mueske reported that money was received to improve Lokemoen Landing. We bought a new dock and needed to apply for several permits that cost money. We will be resurfacing the parking lot and possibly more updates, this all needs to be completed by the end of June. We will keep the public informed when the landing is closed for repairs.

Motion by Tim Mueske to approve the REI survey on Lakeview Ave turnaround, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Scott Oberg to approve the driveway permit for James Bauman, Savannah Lane, 2nd by Darrel Dengel; motion carried 5-0.

Discuss/Approve actions to be taken RE: Sorenson petition, will be placed on Old Business for next month.

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Tony Dallman

Open Book Tuesday May 5, 2026. 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Board of Review Tuesday May 12, 2026, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

ADJOURN

Darrel Dengel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk