

MINUTES OF THE HAVEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
August 12, 2025

The Haven Township Planning Commission Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, August 12, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Kari Watkins. Members present: Kari Watkins, Penny Weihrauch, James O'Donnell and Clerk Tammy Schefers. Ben Oleson (Hometown Planning) attended in person along with four others and there were two virtual attendants.

Approval of Agenda – James O'Donnell made a motion to accept and approve the Consent Agenda with moving the Mining Ordinance Draft Document Discussion to the top of the agenda. Penny Weihrauch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Minutes – James O'Donnell made a motion to accept and approve the meeting minutes as presented from the July 14, 2025 Haven Township Planning Commission Meeting. Penny Weihrauch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Update Committee Members – The Haven Township Board had a Workshop Meeting with Sherburne County Planning & Zoning Staff to discuss options for Haven Township considering taking on their own Planning & Zoning throughout the whole Haven Township. Sherburne County responded back with a letter that stated four options to choose from. Option 1 – Sherburne County Zoning staff would perform all zoning and planning for Haven Township. Option 2 – City of St. Cloud with Entire Township included with the Orderly Annexation Agreement. Option 3 – Haven Township does own planning and zoning with hired administration. Option 4 – Sherburne County recommends the Township to extend the current Orderly Annexation with the City of St. Cloud for an additional year to allow the township an opportunity to work with the County to update the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances and designate an Urban Expansion District – specific to Haven, that would establish the permitted, interim and conditional uses that meets the needs of the area adjacent to the City of St. Cloud and still allows the County to provide Planning and Zoning services to the township and its residents. The Haven Planning Commission Board and Ben Oleson discussed and went over the pros and cons of each option that was presented. They also discussed finances, funding, management and notifying the township residents.

Update Committee Members – The Haven Township Board had a Workshop Meeting with Minden Township Supervisors to discuss and get an idea of how that township is set up with Orderly Annexation Agreements. They discussed that Minden Township has two agreements; One with the City of St. Cloud and the other with the City of Sauk Rapids. In that meeting it was stated that there were pros and cons with each city. The Haven Township Board is looking at both agreements to see if they can combine options to fit with Haven Township.

Mining Ordinance Draft Document - The board had discussion and reviewed the Mineral Extraction Ordinance. James O'Donnell went over his findings and stated his concerns that he had. He also made the comment that the board should review Scott

County and their Planning & Zoning program. He referenced chapter 20. After he was done, Randy Linn also reviewed and went over his findings and concerns. Ann Imholte made the comment that there should be more consideration of placing something in there with Dust Control. The Planning Board had more discussion and took notes of changes that need to be made and they also would like some clarification on some parts of the ordinance. After discussion on this, Kari Watkins made a motion that the Planning Board should recommend to the Haven Township Board to continue to work on changes to the Mining Ordinance Draft and the Haven Township Board should schedule a Public Hearing for September 9, 2025 and publish a draft of the ordinance for the public to view. James O'Donnell seconded the recommended motion. The motion carried. James O'Donnell and Randy Linn will work with Ben Oleson to revise and get a draft mineral extraction ordinance in place for a future meeting and public hearing.

Orderly Annexation Agreement – The Orderly Annexation Agreement with the City of St. Cloud is up for renewal and the board discussed this. Eric Meyer made the comment that he has been working with the City of St. Cloud to come up with a date that the Haven Township Board and the City of St. Cloud can have a Workshop Meeting to have more discussion on the Orderly Annexation Agreement and to see options of working with them for the Townships Planning and Zoning.

Committee Members & Resident Reports –

Rural Residential – James O'Donnell spoke to the board on what he classified as Rural Residential and he will continue to update his findings.

Commercial – Robert Kolkman was not present to report.

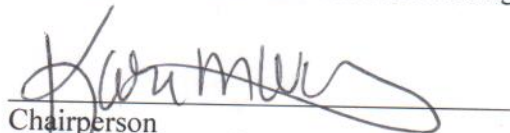
Industrial – Ann Imholte spoke to the board on what she classified as Industrial and she will continue to update her findings.

Agricultural – Kari Watkins spoke to the board about her findings and Bob Bezek was not present at the meeting to report.

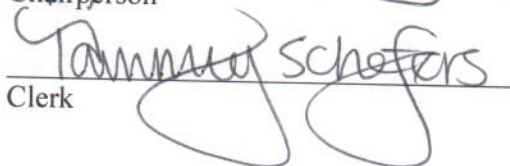
Open Forum – None

The next meeting of the Haven Township Planning Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Haven Township Hall.

Kari Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Penny Weihrauch seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.


Chairperson

9.10.25
Date


Clerk

9.9.2025
Date