

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Haven Township – November 17, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The Haven Town Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, November 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Randy Linn. Members present: Supervisor Randy Linn, Supervisor Joseph Then, Supervisor Joseph Sexton, Supervisor Kari Watkins, Supervisor Eric Meyer (attended virtually), Ben Oleson (Hometown Planning) and Clerk Tammy Schefers. There were two other people who attended virtually. There were eight other people who attended in person.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Kari Watkins made a motion to accept and approve the agenda. Supervisor Joseph Sexton seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

Sergeant Aaron Sturm reported that there were 109 incidents for the month of October 2025.

OPEN FORUM (Time for Residents to Ask the Board Questions)

Jacob Steen a shareholder at Larkin Hoffman representing Amrize handed the Haven Planning & Zoning Administrator Ben Oleson a hard copy of the Interim Use Permit (IUP) Application for Amrize before the Haven Town Board Meeting started. He also spoke to the board members about his concerns on the proposed current mining ordinance. He asked the board to please consider tabling this and take more time to study it. He made the comment that they are willing to work with the township and be a resource to them through this process. They would like to have a productive relationship with the township and study this together while working at the same table. He does not understand what the rush or urgency is. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is still in process and will not be completed until May or June of 2026.

John Cunningham the Executive Director of Aggregate & Ready Mix Association of Minnesota (ARM) made the comment that he is supportive in Amrize and their proposals. He talked about mining vs. farming. He also made the comment that Minnesota Associations of Townships (MAT) are working with them to craft a meaningful mining ordinance. He stated that he would like to see the Haven Township Board consider tabling this ordinance. He is willing to work with the township through this process to be a resource as well. Mining of aggregates is very important and are used everywhere. As this ordinance stands today, it prevents Amrize from mining the property they own in Haven Township.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to approve the October 20, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes with the rest of the consent agenda. Supervisor Joseph Sexton seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS

Just for reference; Sherburne County sends an e-mail report of permits each month to the Clerk for all the Townships. There were twenty-two permits for Haven Township this month.

OLD BUSINESS

Hansen IUP – Legal Update – Supervisor Eric Meyer stated that Hansen has filed for an appeal. After discussion on this, Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to have the Haven Township Chairperson work with Legal Counsel on this to move forward with the next enforcement. Supervisor Joseph Sexton seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

Clear Lake Maintenance Discussion – No new update.

Amrize – The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is still in process. Ben Oleson from Hometown Planning made the comment that Amrize had submitted an E-mail document for an Interim Use Permit Application last Friday afternoon to the clerk. Ben Oleson received the E-mail on Monday. He was unable to get the password code in time to review the application. It is not a complete application acknowledgement yet, for Ben Oleson has not had time to review the application yet. The hard copy of the application and check was handed to Ben Oleson at this meeting. The clerk was asked to send a receipt for the check; she will do that on Tuesday via E-mail.

Haven Township Planning Commission Update – Collin Gau spoke to the board members of what was discussed at their last meeting.

Mineral Extraction Ordinance – Consideration for the adoption of an ordinance related to the regulation of gravel and mineral extraction in all areas of Haven Township. The proposed regulations would include, but not be limited to, a requirement for an interim use permit, a limit on the amount of land that could be actively mined at one time, required setbacks from mining areas to residences, property lines and bodies of water, required information and plans relating to mitigating negative impacts on surrounding properties and natural features and implementation of various performance standards.

After discussion on this from the Haven Township Planning Commission Board, it was recommend to the Haven Township Board the approval of this draft Mineral Extraction Ordinance as written for a starting point to put a Mineral Extraction Ordinance in place;

however the Haven Township Planning Commission Board feels that there needs to be modifications made to this current proposed draft Mineral Extraction Ordinance. The Haven Township Board should consider and coordinate with the mining operators for some of their suggestions.

The Haven Board members had more discussion. After that discussion, Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to accept, approve and adopt Ordinance No. 2025-08 Haven Township Mineral Extraction Ordinance effective immediately. Also to accept, approve and adopt Resolution No. 2025-04 Resolution Adopting the Haven Township (Sherburne County, MN) Mineral Extraction Ordinance. Supervisor Joseph Then seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried. The board did make the comment that they can always amend these if needed.

Applicant: Haven Township – Consideration of amendments to Haven Township Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2025-07. Sections to be amended include, but are not necessarily limited to, Section 14 (General Development Regulations). The amendments would modify, at a minimum, Section 14, Subd. 8 (Exterior Storage of Materials) to regulate outdoor storage in all zoning districts.

The Haven Township Planning Commission Board still had more changes that they would like to see revised in this section. There will be another draft copy given to the Planning Commission with the changes for their next month meeting and another public hearing on this will be scheduled.

Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance – Add ‘Wrecker and Towing Service’ to the list of allowable Interim Uses in the Industrial District and a definition for the same (this would impact areas of Haven Township outside of the current Orderly Annexation Agreement with the City of St. Cloud).

After the Planning Commission Board Members discussed this, a motion to recommend a positive comment to give to the Haven Township Board to support and agree with this Sherburne County proposed ordinance for Wrecker & Towing Services. However, they would like to have clarification on F. Businesses may store up to 20 inoperable vehicles at any time; G. Tow vehicles and equipment must be licensed, insured, and maintained in accordance to state and or federal DOT standards. (How many tow vehicles and equipment on site).

After the Haven Township Board members discussed this, Supervisor Kari Watkins made a motion to authorize the Chairperson to sign off and send back and agree with the recommendation from the Haven Township Planning Commission by marking “yes” to this comment form for Sherburne County Planning & Zoning; Wrecker and Towing Services for the proposed ordinance and also adding to clarify the number of inoperable vehicles that can be onsite and clarify for request for 20 vehicles but the ordinance is for 10 vehicles. Supervisor Joseph Sexton seconded the motion. Role call was taken;

Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

Ben Oleson (Hometown Planning) -

K & C Auto/Import Motors Auto – Ben Oleson made the comment that he is still in the waiting process for them, no new updates. After discussion on this, Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to have the Chairperson connect with Legal Counsel to move forward with this and see what the next stage is for Haven Township. Supervisor Joseph Sexton seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

Wiilo Event Center – Ben Oleson made the comment that they coordinate with us when needed and we are waiting for all the conditions to be completed.

Mining Ordinance – Recap of this is above in the Haven Township Planning Commission Update

PUBLIC HEARING (Communication that the Board Notified Residents)

None

NEW BUSINESS

Sherburne County Assessment Services Agreement – Sherburne County sent out an Assessment Services Agreement to the township for the years of 2028, 2029 & 2030. This agreement shall commence on July 1, 2027 and shall terminate on December 31, 2030. After board discussion on this, Supervisor Randy Linn made a motion for the board to accept, approve and authorize the Chairperson and Clerk to sign this Assessment Services Agreement with the Sherburne County Assessors Office. Supervisor Eric Meyer seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

County Proposed Ordinance – Wrecker & Towing Services – Comment Form – The board already discussed this in the Haven Township Planning Commission Update. Refer to that area for a recap.

Tri-County Humane Society Contract Renewal – The Tri-County Humane Society sent out the Renewal Contract Agreement effective January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 for “Dogs Only” for the board to review. After discussion on this, Supervisor Joseph Sexton made a motion to accept, approve and have the clerk execute the agreement with Tri-County Humane Society for the year of 2026. Supervisor Joseph Then seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor (Chairperson) Eric Meyer

Orderly Annexation with the City of St. Cloud – Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that the draft Orderly Annexation Agreement is in legal review. He plans to notify the public when it is ready for public view. He mentioned having another open house for the residents to comment in January or February 2026 and then it can be addressed at the annual meeting in March 2026.

AED – The last three AED machines still need to be put in place. This will happen in the spring/summer of 2026. The electrician has a machine at his home and is testing it to see how it will hold up with a solar panel in it for the winter.

Supervisor Randy Linn – Supervisor Randy Linn made the comment that he is working on the year end budget and getting ready for the upcoming year ahead.

Supervisor Joseph Then – Supervisor Joseph Then made the comment that an invoice has been mailed out for a culvert permit at 6338 45th Avenue SE. He is waiting for a response.

Township Sign / Mailbox Posts Replacement – Supervisor Joseph Then reported that all the mailbox posts have been replaced in Greenwood Acres. He also stated that some street signs have been replaced as well.

Supervisor Joseph Then also reported that he attended the kick-off meeting for the Beltline Connection EIS-CSAH 75 to US 10 and he will keep the board updated on anything that will involve Haven Township.

Supervisor Joseph Sexton – Supervisor Joseph Sexton is still working on fire calls for collection.

Supervisor Kari Watkins – Supervisor Kari Watkins made the comment that she has applied for a .gov domain. She will also be attending the Annual 2025 Minnesota Township of Association Conference in St. Cloud, MN December 11-13, 2025. She wants to go to the breakout sessions on Paid Family Leave and Earned Sick & Safe Time along with other sessions offered.

TREASURER UPDATE

The Treasurer was not in attendance so the Clerk reviewed the October Cash Control Statement; Receipt Register and Disbursement Register with the Supervisors.

Earned Sick and Safe Time (ESST) there was no research.

CLAIMS LIST FOR APPROVAL

Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to accept and approve the claims 25239-25258 totaling \$134,833.23 as presented for the month of November. This motion will also include adding the banking service fees for the end of the month when the statements

arrive. Supervisor Kari Watkins seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

CLERK UPDATE

Special Election for District 742 on November 4, 2025 – There were 108 voters who came out to vote on that day for the Special Election for School Board Member at Large to fill vacancy in term expiring January 8, 2029.

The Clerk and Treasurer will attend Training at Minnesota Association of Townships this week for a refresher course.

COMMUNICATIONS

MN Association of Townships – Online Training / Newsletter Updates / Meetings
Sherburne County Planning & Zoning – Public Hearings
Sherburne County Association of Township Meeting Agenda
Sherburne County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Plan Steering Committee
Sherburne County Connect Meeting Agenda
Highway 10 Prelim Design - TAC
Voice Mails & E-mails from Residents
Northland Reliability Project

OPEN FORUM (Time for Residents to Ask the Board Questions)

None

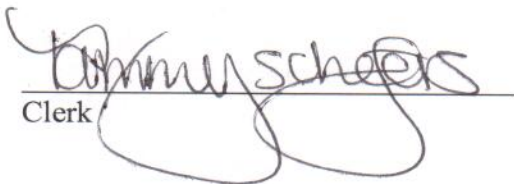
ADJOURN

It was moved by Supervisor Joseph Sexton seconded by Supervisor Kari Watkins to adjourn the meeting. Role Call was taken; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Sexton – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Chairperson

12-15-2025
Date



Clerk

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