

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Haven Township – December 15, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Haven Town Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, December 15, 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 attended virtually), Treasurer Viki Monroe and Clerk Tammy Schefers. There were six other people who attended virtually. There were three other people who attended in person.

**PLEDGE OF ALIGIANCE**

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to accept and approve the agenda with adding under New Business; Resolution for 31<sup>st</sup> Street SE; Earned Sick and Safe Time Policy and Paid Family and Medical Leave Act Policy. 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 105 incidents for the month of November 2025.

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

None

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

Supervisor Joseph Sexton made a motion to approve the November 17, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes with the rest of the consent agenda. 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.

**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 three permits for Haven Township this month.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Hansen IUP – Legal Update** – Supervisor Eric Meyer stated that they have switched Attorneys for us. Our first assigned attorney is taking care of personal health issues.

**Clear Lake Maintenance Discussion** – There has been no further discussion on this. Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment to take this off Old Business for now.

**Amrize** – The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is still in process. Ben Oleson from Hometown Planning made the comment that Amrize had submitted a document for an Interim Use Permit Application. He sent them a letter stating that the application is incomplete. Sherburne County also stated that the application is incomplete. As of today, the township is waiting for a completed application from Amrize.

**Haven Township Planning Commission Update** – Collin Gau spoke to the board members and made the comment due to weather related issues, there was no December Haven Township Planning Commission Meeting. The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at the Haven Township Hall.

**Ben Oleson (Hometown Planning) -**

**K & C Auto/Import Motors Auto** – Ben Oleson made the comment that he received an Interim Use Permit Application from Import Motors LLC. He is in the process of reviewing it.

**Wiilo Event Center** – Ben Oleson made the comment that he is waiting for them to comply with all the conditions. Sherburne County is working on building issues yet. The City of St. Cloud is working on sewer connection or they have to upgrade the septic system. He also made the comment that they had received some fake invoices from the township regarding zoning fees. He wants everyone to be aware that there are scams of this going around and to be alert to this fraud.

**Mining Ordinance** – Ben Oleson made the comment that he has sent a response letter to Amrize and he is waiting now for a response from them.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING (Communication that the Board Notified Residents)**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Sherburne County General Update** – Bruce Messelt the Sherburne County Administrator came to speak with the board members about general updates that Sherburne County has been dealing with. He spoke on issues such as the North Star Corridor; Nuclear Power Plants; Outside Notification Sirens; Sherburne County Levy; Road Projects for 2026; Cannabis and RAVE Mobile Safety Service. This was an informational meeting to let the township know what has been happening in Sherburne County. Some of these items will affect Haven Township in the future.

**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) – Reports Posted on Website** – Supervisor Eric Meyer spoke to the board members about how this past year several testing wells were placed in Haven Township off of County Road 8 to monitor the water. The MPCA sent out letters to property owners to investigate further groundwater contamination in this area. Sampling of the wells around County Road 8 has revealed

concentrations of per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at concentrations exceeding the Minnesota Department of Health's (MDH) drinking water criteria. Another name that was used was "Forever Chemicals". This is new information to the Haven Township board members. Further studies and information will be available in the future.

Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that he has placed all the information he has received so far from the MPCA on the ipads for the board members to review. He has asked the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency if they would be interested in virtually attending a board meeting on this topic. Supervisor Eric Meyer will connect with them to see if he can get them to come speak virtually at the next monthly board meeting which is on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

**31<sup>st</sup> Street SE Resolution** – Supervisor Eric Meyer spoke to the board members about a portion of 31<sup>st</sup> Street SE that lies entirely within the Township's right-of-way and is not subject to private ownership or access easement. This segment of 31<sup>st</sup> Street SE has been used by commercial vehicle storage businesses and the traveling public for direct ingress and egress to Highway 10, despite lacking a formal intersection or engineered access point. The board discussed to close and barricade this section from motor vehicle use, they discussed liability issues for this area and also access to Highway 10. After board discussion, Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to accept and approve the draft Resolution Authorizing Temporary Barricade of Portion of 31<sup>st</sup> Street SE; Resolution Number 2025-05. 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.

**Earned Sick & Safe Time (ESST)** – Haven Township provides Earned Sick and Safe Time in accordance with Minnesota law. The purpose of this policy is to support employee well-being and ensure access to paid leave for personal health needs, family care giving, and safety-related concerns permitted under state law. There is a cap of 80 Hours. After board discussion on this, Supervisor Joseph Sexton made a motion to approve and accept the Earned Sick and Safe Time (ESST) Policy that was presented to the board. 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.

**Paid Family and Medical Leave Act (PFMLA)** – Minnesota's Paid Family and Medical Leave Act provides partial wage replacement for qualifying family or medical leave. This policy informs employees of their rights under PFMLA, outlines the Township's premium obligations, and explains how PFMLA interacts with other leave laws. This policy also serves as official notice that employees may apply through the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for PFMLA benefits. After board discussion on this, Supervisor Joseph Sexton made a motion to accept and approve the Paid Family and Medical Leave Act (PFMLA) Policy that was presented to the board. 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. All Haven Township employees will be asked to fill out the Acknowledgment Form for this and it will be kept at the office on file.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS**

### **Supervisor (Chairperson) Eric Meyer**

Orderly Annexation with the City of St. Cloud – Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of Redlines for the Orderly Annexation Agreement has been presented which still require further attorney review prior to execution by the township. Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that he would like to have another public open house for residents sometime in February 2026 to answer any questions. This will also be discussion at the March Annual Township Meeting.

**Supervisor Randy Linn** – Supervisor Randy Linn handed out to the board members the first draft copy of the Funds of Receipts and Disbursements for them to review. He will get a final number for the December 2025 receipts and disbursements at the end of this month and place them in for next month to review.

**Supervisor Joseph Then** – Supervisor Joseph Then made the comment that the township received the payment for the culvert permit on 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. He attended the Minnesota Department of Transportation Highway 10 Corridor Workshop Meeting. He attended the Minnesota Association of Townships Annual Meeting that was held in St. Cloud.

**Supervisor Joseph Sexton** – Supervisor Joseph Sexton made the comment that he is still working on fire calls for collection.

**Supervisor Kari Watkins** – Supervisor Kari Watkins made the comment that she attended the Annual Minnesota Association Township Conference that was held in St. Cloud. She also stated that she is still learning how to work this virtual system.

## **TREASURER UPDATE**

The Treasurer reviewed the November Cash Control Statement; Receipt Register and Disbursement Register with the Supervisors.

## **CLAIMS LIST FOR APPROVAL**

Supervisor Joseph Sexton made a motion to accept and approve the claims 25259-25284 totaling \$43,187.52 as presented for the month of December. 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**

The Local Board of Appeal & Equalization will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at the Haven Township Hall.

Minnesota Association Township Insurance Trust (MATIT) stopped by to take photos of the Haven Township Hall for Insurance Purposes.

A new property tax levy to fund the St. Cloud Sky Central Airport (St. Cloud Regional Airport) will be starting to be collected on property owners in Benton, Stearns and Sherburne Counties. This is to leverage state/federal grants and to improve the regional airport. Haven Township might want to consider having a board member attend the airport meetings again, being there is talk about an air show coming in the summer of 2026.

Sherburne Soil Water Conservation District reached out to see if they can use the Haven Township Hall for a pick-up and drop-off site for water testing kits. They are providing 500 nitrate well testing kits to interested residents of Clear Lake & Haven Township at no cost to the resident, focusing first on wells in the 2014 dataset and expanding to additional wells within those townships. The dates are placed on the ipad calendar.

### **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 Connect Meeting Agenda

Highway 10 Prelim Design - TAC

Voice Mails & E-mails from Residents

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

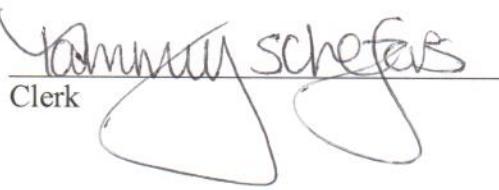
None

### **ADJOURN**

It was moved by Supervisor Kari Watkins seconded by Supervisor Joseph Sexton 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 9:19 p.m.

  
Chairperson

1-20-26  
Date

  
Clerk

1-20-2026  
Date