

**HAVEN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026**

The Haven Township Annual Meeting was held at the Haven Township Hall on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Tammy Schefers. The Board members present were Supervisor Randy Linn, Supervisor Joseph Then, Supervisor Joseph Sexton, Supervisor Kari Watkins, Treasurer Viki Monroe and Clerk Tammy Schefers. There were 2 virtual attendants and 16 people in house who attended the Haven Township Annual Meeting.

**SELECTION OF MODERATOR**

Viki Monroe made a motion to nominate Randy Linn to be the Moderator for the Meeting. Roger Plombon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 11, 2025 Annual Meeting were handed out in the packet for the residents to review. It was moved by Roger Plombon and seconded by Joseph Sexton to accept the March 11, 2025 Annual Minutes as printed. The motion carried.

**BOARD OF AUDIT REPORT**

Treasurer Viki Monroe gave the 2025 Board of Audit Report. She stated that the Treasurer and Clerk both balanced to the bank statements at the end of the year. The total for the year end for Haven Township was a balance of \$859,198.04.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Viki Monroe gave the Treasurer's Report. She referred to the handout packet that was presented to the residents to review. At the end of the year Haven Township had a total balance of \$859,198.04. After discussion on this, Roger Plombon made a motion to accept and approve the presented Treasurer's Report as stated. Dave Brinkman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**FIRE REPORT**

Randy Linn reported that Haven Township is in a renewal for a two year contract with Sauk Rapids Fire Department. For this year (2026) the total will be in the amount of \$55,245.00 and the seconded year (2027) will be a total in the amount of \$57,547.00. This contract also includes a fee of \$530.00 for the first hour of service and a \$360.00 for additional hours after that if needed.

AED (Automated External Defibrillators) – The Township currently has ten machines installed within the township. The current locations are Haven Township Hall; Sherwood Shores East; Sherwood West; Valley View; River Haven; Haven Road; 3 in Prairie Woods Addition and one in Deer Haven. The township will have two more units that will be installed. They will be placed in Elk River Estates Addition and on 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE.

**ROAD REPORT**

Joseph Then talked about the Road Report that was in the handout packet. He made the comment that the board bonded for funds to improve and upgrade the township roads. He gave a summary of all the roads that were done in 2025. For 2026 the goal is to maintain and preserve the roads in Haven Township.

**BUDGET**

Randy Linn talked to the residents about the budget and what was presented in the handout packet. He made the comment that the board spent the main part of the funding for 2025 on road repair and upgrades. He also talked about keeping the levy the same going forward however adjusting the General and Road Funds and adding a Bond Fund amount. After discussion on this, Joseph Sexton made a motion to approve and accept the budget report. Joseph Then seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Then Randy Linn talked about what the Haven Township Board Recommends for the 2027 Levy. The board recommended keeping the levy total the same as last year. After discussion, it was moved by Joseph Sexton to accept and approve the recommended levy. Joseph Then seconded the motion. The motion carried 100% to set the following levy for 2027, payable in 2028:

General Revenue:	\$152,500.00
Road & Bridge	\$141,500.00
Fire	\$ 64,900.00
Bond	<u>\$276,100.00</u>
<b>Total Levy</b>	<b>\$635,000.00</b>

**ANNEXATION; PLANNING ZONING**

It was discussed that the Haven Township Planning Commission Committee has been reviewing the Orderly Annexation Agreement with the City of St. Cloud to come up with a recommendation for the Haven Town Board on what they would like to see for the future in Haven Township. The Orderly Annexation Agreement has been extended for one year and the deadline for this renewal is in October, 2026.

There was discussion on Solar Fields. Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, is gathering information and requesting comments for a proposed utility-scale solar-energy project in Sherburne County, Minnesota, the Sherco Solar 4 Project. This Solar Facility will encompass approximately 1,160 acres of agricultural lands located in Clear Lake, Haven, and Palmer Townships, just north of the City of Clear Lake. There were several people who were not in favor of this and suggested that it be brought to the Haven Township Board for discussion, to see if this can be stopped from proceeding forward in Haven Township.

It was also stated that if you are not signed up on the township website; (the website is **haventwp.org**) please do so to get township notifications. There are several people who have already signed up for this within the township.

### **GOPHER BOUNTY**

After discussion on this, John Winkelman made a motion to recommend setting the gopher bounty fee payout to \$3.00 per pair of front feet for the year 2026. Kari Watkins seconded the recommended motion. The recommended motion carried.

### **CLEAN-UP DAY**

The Annual spring Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the Haven Township Hall. The hours will be from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. A Spring Newsletter will be sent out with more details.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Gary Gray, Sherburne County Commissioner was present at the Haven township annual meeting. He introduced himself and made the comment that he will be running for re-election as Sherburne County's District 4 Commissioner. If anyone has questions, feel free to reach out to him. His contact information is on the Sherburne County website.

Gloria Plombon had concerns and questions regarding the bond that was taken out for the roads in Haven Township. Randy Linn and Joseph Then explained and answered her questions.

Roger Plombon asked if the board could consider changing the legal notice paper to St. Cloud Live verses the St. Cloud Times. The comment was made that due to the limited posting/publishing dates, Haven Township has decided to stay with the St. Cloud Times for legal publishing/postings.

Roger Plombon made the comment about the Orderly Annexation Agreement with the City of St. Cloud, he wants the town board to be aware that his property is very close to the annexation area and that he does not want to be annexed into the city limits. So please address to the Haven Township Board to keep that agreement where it is at for a very long time before properties in Haven will be annexed into the city limits.

Roger & Gloria Plombon talked about the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and well testing for "forever chemicals". They made the comment that they had the testing done and it was very expensive to have done and they had a hard time finding someone in Minnesota to do the testing for them, their testing was done at a lab in Wisconsin.

John Winkelman also had questions about the well testing and results from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. He questioned about the standing agricultural lime piles that have been on certain fields for quite some time and never been spread on the field. Can the township do anything about this? He made the comment that nothing will grow in that spot after that has been sitting there for so long.

John Winkelman had questions about the status of the gravel mine wanting to come into Haven Township. It was stated that it is currently still in the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) at Sherburne County. He also had questions regarding the gravel tax that Haven Township receives. His questions were answered.

Gary Kiffmeyer made the comment that the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners is moving toward allowing rifle hunting during deer season in 2026. The Minnesota Legislature repealed the state's shotgun-only zone, but allowed counties to pass ordinances to maintain the restriction.

John Wilkelman asked if there is a way to bring this to the Haven Township Board so the board can make a comment that they do not want the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners to move forward with passing and letting rifles be used for deer hunting in Sherburne County. He would like it to stay a shotgun-only area. There were several people who agreed with this recommendation.

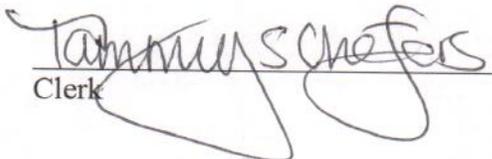
It was also stated that everyone is welcome to attend the Haven Township Monthly Board Meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Every Month. January & February the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday; due to legal holidays.

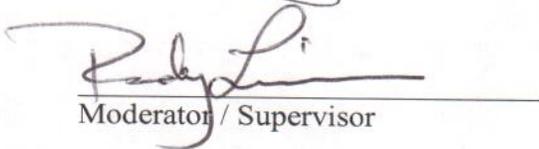
**SET TIME & DATE FOR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING**

2027 Annual Meeting – John Wilkelman made a motion to set the time and date for the next Annual Meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2027 and start at 7:00 p.m. at the Haven Township Hall. Gloria Plombon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Joseph Sexton seconded by John Wilkelman that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Moderator / Supervisor

**Note: These Minutes will be approved  
at the 2027 Annual Township Meeting**