MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Haven Township – March 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
The Haven Town Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, March 16, 2026. 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 Eric Meyer (via virtual), Supervisor Kari Watkins, Ben Oleson (Hometown Planning via virtual), Treasurer Viki Monroe and Clerk Tammy Schefers. There were three people who attended virtually. There were five other people who attended in person.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE
All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT
Sergeant Aaron Sturm reported through an email that there were 124 incidents for the month of February 2026. Commander Ben Zawacki attended in person and gave the 2025 Annual Haven Township Report. He talked about Total Calls for Service/Arrests; Serious Criminal Activity; Department Retirements; K-9 Deputy Updates; Enforcer Awards; Community Involvement; Cases of Interest; Department Updates; Projects and RAVE Panic Button. He reviewed and summarized the report with the board members and answered any questions.

OPEN FORUM (Time for Residents to Ask the Board Questions)
Jacob Steen a shareholder at Larkin Hoffman (Represents Amrize) spoke to the board members on how he would like to revisit the Haven Township Mining Ordinance. He was wondering if the board members and the Haven Planning Commission could sit and discuss options to better understand the mining ordinance for certain areas within Haven Township. The aggregate company would still like to meet with Haven Township to discuss options that will work for both Amrize and Haven Township.

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

READING OF THE MINUTES
Supervisor Joseph Then made a motion to approve the February 17, 2026 Budget; Board of Audit and Board Meeting Minutes with the rest of the consent agenda. Supervisor Kari Watkins seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer – 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 6 permits for Haven Township this month.

OLD BUSINESS
Hansen IUP – Legal Update – Supervisor Eric Meyer stated that there is legal enforcement action taking place this next Thursday. The Minnesota Associations of Townships Lawyer will be attending that meeting to represent Haven Township.

Amrize – The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is still in process.

Haven Township Planning Commission Update – Collin Gau spoke to the board members and gave them an informational update of the last meeting. He made the comment that they had two variance requests and a rezoning - IUP request that they were working on for comments.

Schoenberg (Latterell) Variance Request: The Haven Township Planning Commission would like to recommend to the Haven Township Board to make a Positive Comment for PID#25-00406-0106 for the request of the 3.1' variance in setback from the side property line to construct an addition on existing house. Required setback from the side property line is 10'. Concerns to take into consideration would be storm water run-off; silt fencing; make a swale; have catch basins; and consider designing the garage to meet the 10'property side line.

Schoenberg (Latterell) Variance Request: The Haven Township Planning Commission would like to recommend to the Haven Township Board to make a Positive Comment for PID#25-00406-0106 for the request of a 95.8' variance in setback from the OHWL of the Mississippi River to construct an addition on existing house. Required setback from the OHWL in the Scenic River District is 150'.

TNG Equipment Sales, LLC (Forcier) Request: The Haven Township Planning Commission would like to recommend to the Haven Township Board to make a Positive Comment for the request Interim Use Permit (IUP) for business selling vehicles, boats and farm implements – Starting an Auto Dealership; also to rezone PID#25-000210-1410 and PID#25-00021-1405 from Agricultural to Commercial. Concerns would be that this will not become a salvage yard only operational vehicles/equipment for sale; no repair work where there is waste, oils, etc. on site. Limit up to not exceeding 10 vehicles or equipment for sale or stored on the property at any given time.

After board discussion on this, Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to accept and approve the Haven Planning Commissions recommended comments for the Schoenberg Variance Requests and the TNG Equipment Sales Request and send them off to Sherburne County from the Haven Township Board. Supervisor Kari Watkins seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

Collin Gau made the comment that the Planning Commission discussed Cannabis in Haven Township for the Orderly Annexation Area Tract I & II. They reviewed Sherburne County's Ordinance language and felt it was adequate; however they would like to add that Haven Township would require an Interim Use Permit for any type of this business in Haven Township (Tract I & II). The rest of Haven Township would be subject to refer to Sherburne County and their Ordinance. They also discussed some spelling and organizational corrections.

After discussion on this, Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to accept, approve and adopt Ordinance No. 2026-02, which amends the Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2026-01). The ordinance amends Sections 5 (Definitions and Rules), 7 (Agricultural District), 8 (Commercial District), 9 (Industrial District), 10 (Commercial 2 District), and 12 (Interim Use Permits). The amendments define and regulate cannabis businesses within the Township by requiring licensing by the State of Minnesota; requiring an interim use permit; requiring setback buffers from various other land uses; requiring plans related to meeting environmental, security, and general operational procedures; and providing mechanisms for enforcement. Section 12, Subp. 5.13 (Mining) is amended to delete all language except for a reference to a recently adopted separate Township ordinance regulating mining. Amendments will also make spelling and organizational corrections throughout the Ordinance. Supervisor Kari Watkins seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

Collin Gau talked about how the Planning Commission discussed the Orderly Annexation Agreement. They discussed rezoning the whole township or not rezoning the whole township. He made the comment that the Planning Commission committee feels that the town board needs to once again sit with the City of St. Cloud and sit with Sherburne County and discuss this subject again. The Planning Commission at their next meeting will try to have a final Haven Township zoning plan so it can be recommended to the township board.

Ben Oleson (Hometown Planning) -
K & C Auto/Import Motors Auto – The comment was made that they are working with Sherburne County and Ben Oleson to get this resolved as soon as possible.

Wiilo Event Center – Ben Oleson made the comment that he is waiting for them to comply with all the conditions.

Mining – No new updates.

PUBLIC HEARING (Communication that the Board Notified Residents)
None

NEW BUSINESS
Gopher Bounty Recommendation from Annual Meeting – After the board discussed this, Supervisor Kari Watkins made a motion to accept and approve the recommended amount

of $3.00 per pair of front feet of gophers for the year 2026. Supervisor Joseph Then seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

Sauk Rapids Fire Department Contract Renewal – After board discussion on this, Supervisor Joseph Then made a motion to accept, approve and move forward with the Sauk Rapids Fire Department proposed two year annual contract. The total for 2026 will be $55,245.00; the total for 2027 will be $57,547.00. In addition to the annual payments, the township will pay a sum of $530.00 for the first hour, plus the sum of $360.00 for each additional hour or fraction thereof during both years. Supervisor Kari Watkins seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

Annual Meeting Township Concerns - Supervisor Randy Linn made the comment that residents had concerns about the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and water testing for "forever chemicals". The comment was made that there is not really any place in Minnesota to get this testing done, however there is a lab in Wisconsin that does test for this, and the price range is from $500.00 - $700.00.

There was the question why the Township does not use the St. Cloud Live newspaper for postings instead of the St. Cloud Times. It was stated due to he St. Cloud Live is not a daily paper.

There was concern and questions if the board could do something about all the lime piles in the agricultural fields that have not been spread out onto the fields. Some piles have been in the same spot for years.

There was concern that Sherburne County will pass the use of rifles for deer hunting in 2026. Residents were wondering if the Haven Town Board could make a statement that they would like to see Haven Township and Sherburne County stay a shot-gun area for deer hunting. No rifles. There is a spot on the Sherburne County website for shotgun zone feedback.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor (Chairperson) Eric Meyer

Orderly Annexation with the City of St. Cloud – Supervisor Eric Meyer made the comment that he will have Ben Olsen put a spread sheet together to include comparisons of the City, County, Minden and Haven Township. He will have the Haven Planning Commission look at this and discuss it at their next meeting.

The board discussed the language on the website in regards to the MPCA. Supervisor Joseph Then created and read a revision of the language of what was currently on the site. After discussion on this, Supervisor Randy Linn made a motion to accept, approve and change the language that Supervisor Joseph Then had revised for the website. Supervisor

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

The board also had discussion of handing out a paper at clean-up day for residents to sign up on the website haventwp.org to stay connected with what is happing in the township.

Supervisor Randy Linn – No new Updates

Supervisor Joseph Then – Supervisor Joseph Then reported that there was a comment from a resident that has lived here in Haven Township for the past 20+ years and said that snow plow service this year is the best in 20 years.

Supervisor Joseph Then is working on plans for the roads this year. He discussed fog coating, crack and chip sealing. After discussion on this, Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to move forward with Supervisor Joseph Then's plans for this year. He will connect with contractors to get pricing and quotes and figure out a plan for the roads. Supervisor Kari Watkins seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

Supervisor Joseph Sexton – Not Present at this Meeting

Supervisor Kari Watkins – Supervisor Kari Watkins made the comment that she would like to see the board offer some payment to the Haven Township Planning Commission Committee members. They have volunteered their time for almost the past year. The commitment was only suppose to go to the end of 2025. Supervisor Eric Meyer and Supervisor Kari Watkins will look into this and discuss this again next month.

TREASURER UPDATE

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

CLAIMS LIST FOR APPROVAL

Supervisor Randy Linn made a motion to accept and approve the claims 26045-26069 totaling $17,256.97 as presented for the month of March. This motion will also include adding the banking service fees for the end of the month when the statements arrive. Supervisor Joseph Then seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

Resolution for Paid Leave – Treasurer Viki Monroe spoke with the board members that they need to have a Resolution for Paid Leave Premium Sharing. After discussion on this, Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to accept, approve and adopt Resolution 2026-01; Paid Leave Premium Sharing. Supervisor Randy Linn seconded the motion. Role call was

taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer – 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.

The Haven Township Annual Clean-Up Day is set for Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the Haven Township Hall from 8:00 a.m. – Noon.

County Township Comment Forms – The board discussed the comment forms that were set aside from a previous meeting.

Proposed Change: Reduce the Soil Separation Requirement for Newly Platted Lots from 3 feet to 2 feet. After discussion on this, Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to send a negative comment that the board said No; they do not agree to reduce the soil separation requirement. Supervisor Joseph Then seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

Proposed Change: Minimum Residential Lot Size to 1.5 Acres County Wide. After discussion on this, Supervisor Eric Meyer made a motion to send a negative comment that the board said No; they do not agree to the proposed minimum lot size requirement. Supervisor Joseph Then seconded the motion. Role call was taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried.

The clerk will send the comment forms back to Mitch Glines at Sherburne County.

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)
Ken Eich talked with the board members of his concerns about the church property that is behind his property. He was wondering if the board has heard if there has been anything from the county stating that campers can be on that property. It was stated that the board has not heard anything regarding that.

ADJOURN
It was moved by Supervisor Kari Watkins seconded by Supervisor Joseph Then to adjourn the meeting. Role Call was taken; Supervisor Randy Linn – Aye; Supervisor

Joseph Then – Aye; Supervisor Eric Meyer – Aye; Supervisor Kari Watkins – Aye; the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Eric Meyer
Chairperson

4-20-26
Date

Tammy Schafer
Clerk

4.20.2026
Date