

Minutes
Town of Keystone Board Meeting
Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 7:00pm
Keystone Town Hall

Present:

Scott Galetka	Jeff Bradley	John Moore	Walter Gurske	Melanie Randell
Chairman	Supervisor	Supervisor	Treasurer	Clerk

Meeting Called to Order: 7:07 PM

Public Comment:

- A resident expressed frustration with the fire department's \$500 call charge, noting that residents already pay for fire protection. The resident also mentioned difficulties reaching billing staff due to an automated phone system and requested changes to the billing process, including a grace period before accounts are sent to collections.
- The Keystone sign needs painting and restaining.
- A resident expressed appreciation for the town's mowing along roadways, which improves driving visibility.

Minutes:

- Minutes from the August 13 meeting were reviewed.
- **Motion:** Bradley motioned to approve the minutes. Moore seconded.
- **Result:** Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Gurske presented the treasurer's report and explained account balances. No major expenses occurred in the past month.
- Clarified that "Intuit" transactions on statements represent payroll and tax payments, which are processed in multiple withdrawals throughout the month.
- The treasurer's computer is experiencing technical difficulties, possibly related to a faulty power cord.
- **Transfer Station Cards:** Ordering will wait until current stickers are used up. Discussion held on proof of residency for garbage and recycling. Gurske will finalize the dump cards by the next meeting.
- **Motion:** Galetka motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Moore seconded.
- **Result:** Motion passed.

Clerk's Report:

- Reviewed bills and signed checks payable.
- Randell will research what credit card options the county uses.

Road Projects:

- The window on the backhoe loader broke and will be replaced. All other equipment is in good condition.
- Road crew is capping last year's culverts; reimbursement paperwork for the culvert project will begin upon completion.
- Culverts for the ongoing project will arrive soon.
- Highway 236 will need to be closed for a few hours during culvert installation.
- Discussion held on purchasing a compactor for the town.
- The road/garage crew requested to open an account with CAT in Duluth for easier parts purchasing.
- FLAP Grant: Applied for the reconstruction of Highway 236. If not granted this year, the application will roll over for future consideration.

- Discussion on purchasing a sander for winter plowing; a new truck bed may also be needed soon.
- Dust suppressant application on Pagacs Road will continue.
- Crack sealing work is ongoing.
- **Private Driveway Contract:** Reviewed updates from last year, including revised pricing and the addition of sanding services for ice.
 - **Motion:** Moore motioned to approve the updated contract. Bradley seconded.
 - **Result:** Motion passed.
- USDA Grant for chip seal on Road 419 was approved. Ditching will be completed prior to chip sealing, likely in the spring.
- Additional sand mix will be ordered; approximately 60 yards are currently in stock.
- Picnic tables will be built as a winter project.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:38 PM