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Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting
Thursday January 15th, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Booth called the Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

• **Roll Call**

<u>Supervisors</u>	<u>Present (Late)</u>	<u>Not Present</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Present</u>
Greg Booth	x		Jenna Ruggles	x
Bob Johnson	x			
Keith Card		x		
Greg Bennett	x			
Arlene Schmit	x			

<u>On Agenda</u>	<u>Name/Company</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Road Contractor	Ryan Bodell (Bodell Landscaping & Excavating)	x	
Road Engineer	Bryan Drown (Bolton & Menk)		x

No residents in attendance tonight, the sign-in sheet is attached.

• **Agenda Approval** motion as Presented as Amended

<u>Supervisors</u>	<u>Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Greg Booth		
Bob Johnson		x
Keith Card		
Greg Bennett		
Arlene Schmit	x	

Public Input: None at this time.

Clerk/Treasurers Report:

- **Meeting Minute Approvals** – *Tabled until next meeting*
- **Oaths of Office** – Were completed.

Old Business/Reports:

Roads:

- **Bryan Drown, Road Project Engineer, Bolton & Menk** – Nothing to report
- **Ryan Bodell, Road Contractor, Bodell Landscape & Excavation** – They’ve been out scraping and chipping wood that was brushed.
- **Road Supervisors reported** –
 - **Supervisor Schmit** reported the following.
 - Complaint in Bigwater regarding brushing and chipping.
 - Discussion on how the brushing should be completed, decision on more education to residents when they call and on the website. Along with more consideration of the area being brushed and possibly bringing along another machine to break down the sticks on the ground more if heavily traveled area by snowmobiles.



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- **Supervisor Johnson** reported the following.
 - Supervisor Bennett and Johnson discussed the winter clearing with Mr. Darrick Anderson, Cass Co. Engineer and asked him what they are doing at the county level. Supervisor Johnson researched some different types of sand to possibly consider that could stick to the road more. Discussion included the possibility of getting treated salt next year or possibly leaving some straight salt for real bad ice days.
 - Received a call from PC Chair Johnson looking for W. Gull River Road resident's number from prior meeting, as he was out clearing some of his property and he had a couple follow up questions for him.
- **Supervisor Bennett** reported the following.
 - Resident call on having more salt/sand put down on Dandelion was received at the Town Hall while he was here and Deputy Clerk Putnam did a great job asking the right questions and educating the resident that with the temps the salt/sand would not help and that she would let a road supervisor know of the request.
- **MN State Map correction request** was discussed, and it was decided that Clerk Ruggles will just send our current map from the County GIS to the State and hope that will work.

Reports:

- **PC (Planning Commission) Driveway/Road Ord changes** were discussed, and Supervisor Bennett will bring the questions and suggestions back to the PC next month.
- **Camp Ripley Veterans State Trail (CRVST) Fisherman's Bridge meeting** recap was provided by Supervisors Johnson and Bennett who met with Mr. Darrick Anderson earlier in the day. The County is going to be replacing Fisherman's Bridge tentatively in 2027. The Township would be able to work with the County to get a bridge that also has a trail crossing, and Mr. Anderson also mentioned a couple grant options for the Township to investigate. The process to move forward with the trail project (CRVST) is looking to be an option for the next 2 years or so if funding allows. Mr. Anderson also provided us with an update that the current bridge is having some work done to it this week and will be reducing the load weight to empty trucks (no hauls) until the new bridge is put in.

New Business: None at this time.

Other Township Business:

- **Correspondence** – was read including assessment values from Cass County for determination of share for the Pillager Fire Protection dues, notices from Minnesota Power regarding the proposed transmission line project, a reminder from the Cass County Assessor's Office that the training for LBAE needs to be completed before February, the annual Sheriff's report of incidents in Sylvan Township, and a letter of resignation from PC Chair Johnson effective end of January 2026.
- **Claims/Payroll Approval** motion as Presented as Amended for
Claims Numbers: **030029 & E26011501 – E26011509 at \$8,417.17**
Payroll Numbers: **AP26011501 – AP26011504 at \$6,232.15**
For a TOTAL of **\$14,649.32**
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Greg Booth		
Bob Johnson		x
Keith Card		
Greg Bennett	x	
Arlene Schmit		

- **Other Business** – None at this time.

Adjournment motion made at 8:06 pm

<u>Supervisors</u>	<u>Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Greg Booth		
Bob Johnson		x
Keith Card		
Greg Bennett		
Arlene Schmit	x	

Minutes submitted by,

Jenna Ruggles, Clerk

Greg Booth, Chair

These Meeting Minutes were approved as Presented as Amended on 02.05.2026

<u>Supervisors</u>	<u>Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Greg Booth		
Bob Johnson		X
Keith Card		
Greg Bennett		
Arlene Schmit	X	