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Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting *Thursday October 16th, 2025*

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call: Chair Booth called the Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Those present at the meeting were Supervisors Greg Booth, Greg Bennett, Arlene Schmit, Bob Johnson, Keith Card and Clerk Jenna Ruggles. Others in attendance included Road Contractor: Ryan Bodell, PC Chair: Dave Johnson, and resident Travis Dixon and Bob Dixon. The sign-in sheet is attached.

Agenda: Supervisor Schmit **moved to approve the agenda as presented**, seconded by Supervisor Card and the motion carried.

Public Input: Both Mr. Dixons were present to discuss getting an application for a Business Permit on a soon to be Commercial lot off of Little Pine Trail and County Rd 36. After a brief description of his business and property the Board was in favor of the business and Supervisor Bennett let them know that they could come to the first November meeting and bypass the PC Meeting with their permit and fee. PC Chair Johnson was here with some public input regarding Sylvan Park. He would like to do a burn this year. He is going to utilize the Fire Department and Fighters along with other Park representatives for the burn. Chair Booth explained to him that he could get a burn permit online from the DNR and that he would then call the day of the burn. He also let the Board know that the benches are in place at Sylvan Park.

Clerk/Treasurers Report:

- **Meeting Minutes** – Supervisor Schmit **moved to approve the Board Meeting minutes from October 2nd, 2025 as amended**, seconded by Supervisor Johnson and the motion carried.
- **Financials** – Supervisor Bennett **moved to approve the financial statements from September 2025**, seconded by Supervisor Card and the motion carried.
- **Financial Update** was provided by Clerk Ruggles letting the Board know that she moved forward with getting an additional \$100,000 from Pine River State Bank by amending the current Certificate of Indebtedness after checking with MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union. MidMN said that their interest rate would be significantly higher and that they recommended us to continue with PRSB.

Old Business/Reports:

- **Bryan Drown, Road Project Engineer, Bolton & Menk** – wasn't present and did not have a road update at this time.
- **Ryan Bodell, Road Contractor, Bodell Landscape & Excavation** – was present and provided an update that they finished some brushing and mowing in Bigwater area, they had a couple calls regarding down trees, he marked 56 dead trees on Upper Sylvan, and he checked on the dirt end of Lake Placid Blvd and it could use one truck of dirt.
- **Road Supervisors reported** –
 - **Supervisor Schmit** reported the following.



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- 132nd Street resident, Mike, complaining about speeders again, she would like to see a radar sign go up. Then she was informed that we need to do a resolution prior to that if she doesn't want the speed set at 55-MPH.
- Upper Sylvan will be brushed and trees removed starting the week of 10/27.
- Dave (Beaver/Gopher Guy) caught 4 and said he would continue to maintain the area; but we have a contracted beaver guy – so she said she would like to use both next year.
- She asked the Board and PC Chair Johnson what was going on with LJ's and the Car Repair place next to Snow's.
- She approved a second driveway/approach off of 43rd Avenue for a resident to get to the back of his parcel that doesn't follow the ordinance rules for a second approach because there is no other way for this resident to access his back land because of a creek.
- **Supervisor Johnson** reported the following.
 - Cleaned up some trash that a resident called in about. He found 18 5-gallon oil cans 5 which were full, and one had an address label on it. He turned this over to the sheriff's office.
- **Supervisor Bennett** reported that he and Supervisor Schmit will be meeting with the City of Pillager next week to discuss the Round-About and how to split the future costs and maintenance.
- **Pillager Area Fire Report** was provided and is attached to these minutes. Sylvan had 15 out of 26 runs in September.
- **Planning Commission report** was provided and they had a representative for Mr. Trout's parcel – he has been looking at getting a billboard on his parcel. The information that they provided was not conforming to Sylvan's regulations only to Cass County, so they asked them to come back with a new plan. Supervisor Bennett also let everyone know that they worked on the Golf Cart Ordinance, ATV Ordinance, Comp Plan, and they discussed the Valker site visit and sent a recommendation up to Cass County for it. They also discussed Sylvan Park and that Chair Johnson is retiring at the end of this year.
- **Pillager Lake Park** was briefly mentioned that the gal doing the Scout project is going to start digging some of the holes this weekend.

New Business:

- **Resolution 2025-13** – Supervisor Schmit **moved to approve Resolution 2025-13 the Joint Community Trail with the City of Baxter amended**, seconded by Supervisor Bennett and the motion carried.
- **Resolution 2025-14** – Supervisor Bennett **moved to approve Resolution 2025-14 adopting assessments on the Dandelion/Norway residents who asked for that with Cass County property taxes starting in 2026**, seconded by Supervisor Schmit and the motion carried.
- **Resolution 2025-15 and Certificate of Indebtedness** – Supervisor Bennett **moved to approve Resolution 2025-15 Authorizing an amended Certificate of Indebtedness with Pine River State Bank for continuing road improvements**, seconded by Supervisor Schmit and the



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motion carried. Supervisor Bennett also **moved to approve signing the Amended Certificate of Indebtedness with Pine River State Bank**, seconded by Supervisor Schmit and the motion carried.

Other Township Business:

- **Correspondence** – was read including an additional deposit for PILP, the Valker Site Visit Recommendation from the PC, a request to hold a Caucus at the Town Hall, and 2 follow up meetings.
- **Review Claims** – Supervisor Card **moved to approve claim numbers 030010 to 030013 and EFT claim numbers E25101601 to E25101606 in the amount of \$47,499.49 and the payroll numbers AP25101501 – AP25101503 in the amount of \$2,847.83 for a total of \$50,347.32** seconded by Supervisor Bennett and the motion carried.
- **Other Business** – included the following.
 - Chair Booth received a cost estimate for the emergency siren. After discussion Chair Booth **moved to approve looking for grants and funding options for the siren with the Initiative Foundation and other sources**, seconded by Supervisor Bennett and the motion carried.

Adjournment: Supervisor Bennett **moved to adjourn**, seconded by Supervisor Card and the motion carried with the meeting adjourning at 8:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by,

Jenna Ruggles, Clerk

Greg Booth, Chair

These minutes were approved as presented on November 6, 2025 by Supervisor Schmit, seconded by Supervisor Bennett and the motion carried with Supervisors Bennett, Card, Johnson, Schmit and Booth.

Date: 11.06.2025