

Woodland Township Monthly Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Woodland Township Hall, Montrose, MN
Monday, June 9, 2025
5:30 PM

Meeting Attendees: Chair Gene Janikula, Dan Domjahn, Barry Pawelk, Paula LaVigne and Julie Marquardt

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by the chair at 5:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approval of Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was made. MMS Domjahn and Pawelk. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve May 2025 Minutes. MMS Pawelk and Domjahn. MCU

Treasurer's Report

LaVigne reported that \$5,346.80 was received during the month of May. The approximate ending fund balance as of May 31, 2025, was \$457,628.37 .

MMS Domjahn and Pawelk to approve the Treasurer's Report. MCU

Claims

Claims in the amount of \$229,201.80 were presented to the Board. MMS to approve the claims based on that the Mack truck matches the amount previously agreed upon. (copy of claims attached) by Domjahn and Pawelk. MCU

Clerk Report

MMS Domjahn and Pawelk to approve the Clerk's Report as presented. MCU

Committee Reports

No reports at this time

Citizen Requests

Culvert: Joe Gallus-Property ID: 220 000 282400. Hilgers shared with the Board-culvert isn't in compliance with the Township regulations. Domjahn thinks with more gravel it will be complying. Hilgers would like to see a swill, so the water doesn't go over the road. If more fill is added it shouldn't hook the snowplow. Gravel needs to be added, so the clay won't go on the road. Culvert east of the driveway doesn't have gravel, and it is exposed according to Gallus. Culvert that goes into the pond is torn open. The ditches on either side that weeds haven't been cut, the ditches are filthy. According to Hilgers the personal

driveway is causing the water to go on the road. Domjahn agrees we are working on ditch cleaning. We can look at the ditches on 105th Street. Ditch cleaning is a long process. Domjahn would like to see gravel on the culvert, per the specs of the Township. He talked to J. Lutheans and before any culverts can be added, they need to come to the Township. Gallus, doesn't think that the culvert size needs to be addressed especially as equipment gets larger. Domjahn we want to make sure culverts are done correctly. Janikula: Who put in the culverts? Gallus: Township put in the culverts. The reason we have added to the culverts is because the equipment can't get into the field. Janikula will fix the other ones. We are addressing the ones that have an addition to. The Town Board will look at the culverts, Hilgers needs to contact Gallus about the culverts.

Land Split: Sally Kappel-Property ID: 220 000 072100: The nephews want to purchase some acres. Before the land can be split, they need approval of the Township. They will follow the creek. The line needs to run down the middle of the ditch. This allows either landowner to make decisions about the ditch. Access through a field road along the creek. MMS to approve by Pawelk and Domjahn to accept the split for Sally Kappel with the property line going through the middle of the drainage ditch. MCU.

Culvert/Building Project: Ryan 105th Street. New build. They added 20 feet to an existing 15-inch culvert. Pawelk talked to them when putting it in. It should be 40 feet for emergency vehicles. Pawelk would like to see gravel on top, not the red rock. Ryan: It is now 40 feet plus, which is longer than needed. The gravel will be placed once construction is done. The culvert is straight. It is graded.

MMS to accept the culvert request for Keith Rosenlund. Pawelk, Domjahn. MCU

Telecommunications Project: Nueva Communications Project

Larry Shepherd from Nueva. Nueva is building a fiber optics into Waverly and Howard Lake. They will be finishing the project. The network will be extended from Dassel east to Waverly. The plan is to come down 70th Street, and up CO RD 8 from the south into Waverly.

Nueva-New Ulm Telecom brought Hutchinson Telephone company. Publicly held company. 200 employees. 70,000 internet and tv in exchange area. They are primarily in small towns-they are offering only internet in Cokato and Waverly. They are trying to expand into areas that don't have fiber optic service. 500 homes in Waverly and Howard Lake will be serviced. The line will be completed around Lake Waverly next year. East of Waverly, 10 Woodland Township homes will be getting the service. The fiber won't be servicing rural areas.

Domjahn: everything is down 70th Street. North side is fiber optics. When do we (The Township) say no.

There are three dead phone lines (Bakeberg).

Janikula agrees. 70th Street has so much in the ditches.

The Board doesn't want anything else down 70th Street. There isn't room on that road. There is no benefit to the Township.

Shepherd will go back to the engineers to look at other options. The State doesn't allow construction on 12. He would like to keep dialogue open to build down other township roads. Domjahn would like to see residents on those roads to receive internet to keep that dialogue open.

Old Business

Insurance on 2026 Mack Truck: Insurance was placed on the Mack Truck. It is at the replacement value of what Mack Truck is worth.

Internet/Phone: The internet has been updated via Windstream. The Board will like the clerk to look into Hutch Broadband for comparison as to what we are paying.

Dust Control: Dust Control was applied at the end of May. C. Bulera had dust control applied to be in compliance with her Conditional Use Permit. Her permit is due June 2025. She isn't compliant with the permit, due to lack of payment on her dust control. The County did send a letter to her on 7/23/24 to address the lack of dust control.

The invoice was sent on May 29. No payment has been made regarding it. The Board asks the clerk to send another invoice with a due date of July 1, 2025. If there isn't payment received by then the clerk should send a letter inviting her to attend the July 14 meeting. At that time her Conditional Use Permit will be decided.

New Business

No New Business

Employee Report

Gallus Culvert: Only surface should be fixed. Domjahn would like Hilgers to look at the other culverts that Gallus mentioned. The other board members would like to address together.

The Clerk will schedule a road tour. 5:30 pm on a Monday or Tuesday.

Gravel: 3,340 yards of gravel have been put on roads. Bjorklund is hauling on 70th Street. 2 miles of the road 30 feet wide. Gowan will also get gravel, Ferman Avenue will get gravel also. 3,500 yards won't cover Ferman. Does Hilgers complete at 3500, or should he completed Ferman Avenue. Domjahn wants Ferman completed. Waverly is paying for half of 70th Street. MMS Domjahn and Pawelk to complete the gravel of Gowan, 70th Street and Ferman Avenue with Bjorklund. MCU.

Mark Tussing, Eric Boersma, Chris Reinert would like 2 loads of gravel. MMS Domjahn to deliver when Hilgers has time in his schedule. MCU

H. Poppler-60th Street culvert-completed 9 years ago. His driveway is steep, and it has washed out. Hilgers said there are 2-foot ruts in it. Poppler would like the township to do something. Janikula said the driveway was a problem before the project started. The agreement was the Board would take care of the driveway. Hilgers will discuss with Brad Matter. Janikula would like them to discuss also with Poppler. Keep track of expenses because it is Marysville side of the road.

95 and 98 Mack. It isn't pumping up properly. The air tanks have a reserve. There is check value that could be bad according to M. McClay. Ignition switch in white and wheel seal went out. Mack sent out wheel seals with other parts. Hilgers spent hours cleaning the wheel seals when they went out. He would like to replace the rest of them, it would be less time commitment to replace in August. The Board agreed to this decision.

Radiator is leaking on the white Mack. M. McClay looked at it. Ran the truck and McClay thinks it should be fixed before winter. It is still leaking. \$3,500 for a new one from Mack; \$2,450 for an aftermarket one. McClay took his crane over and helped replace it last time. Janikula would like Hilgers to go with Hillmyer from Cokato for an aftermarket radiator. MMS to contact Hillmyer for a radiator and purchase a radiator for the white Mack. MCU.

DOT inspections need to be done this month on both trucks.

2026 Mack: The Two Way has travel time to install the radios. Jeff will contact them to put in the two way radio here at the shop.

Dust Coating: Three miles left. 70th Street, and Gowan (shared with Victor) and Emerson Avenue 1500 feet for the Old Apostolic Church.

MMS Domjahn, Pawelk to adjourn at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Marquardt

