

Woodland Township Monthly Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Woodland Township Hall, Montrose, MN
Monday, September 8, 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 to approve the agenda with the addition of skid steer under new business by Domjahn and Pawelk. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

LaVigne reported that \$1,518.77 was received during the month of August. The approximate ending fund balance as of August 31, 2025, was \$348,431.03. MMS to approve the Treasurers Report by Domjahn and Pawelk. MCU.

Claims

Claims in the amount of \$44,840.97 was presented to the Board. MMS to approve the claims (copy of claims attached). MCU

Clerk Report

MMS to approve the Clerk's Report. MCU

Montrose Fire Department Budget

There will be changing their request. They will change it to \$200.00 for 2026 for the fire dues. Domjahn agrees with the new proposal. Woodland is more per parcel due to market value and call average. They would still like to work with mil rate, northern Wright County does a mil rate, this is a new concept for the southern part of Wright County. Pawelk thinks this is reasonable.

Janikula doesn't want the mil rate. He prefers the parcel which has been done for 55 years. He would like to see a fire board meeting with township officials. The

Supervisors would like to be more informed. Montrose is already looking into the next 15 years of capital purchases. City of Montrose will look into this.

Citizen Request

Austin Harwood: Property ID: 220 000 164301: Harwood has a mound system to be 130 set back from centerline. He would like to add a 40' X 60' shed. The County has approved building within 90 feet.

Approve the request for Austing Harwood by Domjahn, Pawelk. MCU.

Ted Salonek: 105th Street: The culvert needs to be moved 20 feet from the east of property line. 60 foot culvert X 15 inch. Matter Excavating will need to clean the ditch, to approved drainage specifications. The culvert, instillation and fill are Salonek's responsibility. The township will pay for the ditch cleaning. Domjahn, Pawelk. MCU

Jack Pearson: Property ID: 220 000 344100: Todd Bartles is here on behalf of Jack Pearson. Originally, they want to make the lot as small as possible. Wright County wants to keep everything conforming. The County would like to see 10 acres to conform to the County Plans. This also allows one landowner to have control of the ditch for cleaning. Pearson is asking for the 10 acre division for the property. It keeps the hay field as one, tillable acres as one parcel. They will rent out the tillable acres.

Approve the request for a 10 acre parcel Domjahn, Pawelk. MCU.

Tanya Kirschenman: Property ID: 220 000 201101: Variance for addition. It doesn't meet the setback for the Hwy. The Hwy department are okay with approving the variance. The current house is 88 feet. She won't be going closer to the road. She is going south from the front porch.

Approve the additional deck-Pawelk and Domjahn. MCU

Culvert: Joe Gallus: Property ID: 220 000 282400: Load of gravel was put in. There is a slope put in so the water goes both directions. This culvert has been completed.

Old Business

Internet/phone Domjahn: Broadband MN. Guest Router, cancel Windstream. Pawelk .

Culvert Policy: Tabled till winter 2025/2026

County Ditch 23: Completed: The water is flowing from the cemetery culvert. Grass is already growing on the roadside. Neaton Bros Erosion did hydroseed the roadside. The county will put the ditch cleaning out on bids.

Personnel Policy: How many townships are joining in?

New Business

1995 Blue Mack: Domjahn would prefer to have it sit in the township lot. Emory's would also be an option. The plow should be added to the truck. No oil change. It is a township truck, and not a construction truck. It isn't used daily.

Valuation: \$25,000 minimum. Contact Steffes, they are nationwide. They have a gentleman who is in charge of valuation of equipment. He recommends what time of year to sell it. He will get us the best value. Janikula will be in charge of contacting Steffes.

Skid Steer: Hilgers brings in his skid steer for various jobs. K. Reinert would like to see Hilgers reimbursed. Hilgers will let the clerk know if he wants to be reimbursed.

Yearly Salary Review

After a brief discussion MMS by Domjahn and Pawelk to increase the increase the full-time employee pay by 3% increase \$42.19 per hour effective October 1, 2025. MCU.

Discussion was also held to increase the part time employee rate by \$1.00 for \$33 per hour. Domjahn and Pawelk. MCU.

Employee Report

Harlan Poppler: Suggested by Hilgers-Woodland Township has completed the driveway on 60th Street. Three loads of clay and gravel were placed on the driveway going north. Hilgers will give Marquardt a document stating that Woodland Township has in good faith made improvements on his driveway.

Mowing road right away. Last time for 2025.

Gravel 8400 yards, 2,000 yards on stockpile. 140 yards to residents. 85,000 yards at the pit still.

With no other business before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Julie Marquardt