

Woodland Township Monthly Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Woodland Township Hall, Montrose, MN
Monday, October 13, 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

A motion was made to approve the Agenda was made by Dan Domjahn and Barry Pawelk. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Approval Minutes

It was noted under Yearly Salary Review that a typo was made it states, "Discussion was also held to increase the party time..." It should be changed to "Discussion was held to increase the part time..." Motion made to approve the September Minutes by Pawelk, Domjahn with the noted change. MCU.

Treasurer Report

LaVigne reported that \$6050.00 was deposited for the month of September. The ending balance is \$307,140.15. Clean up Day took in \$2037.00. This was more than 2024. MMS to approve the Treasurer's Report by Domjahn, Pawelk. MCU.

Approve Claims

Claims for the month of October were \$26,667.18. MMS to approve the October Claims to be paid by Domjahn and Pawelk. MCU

Clerk Report

Domjahn requested the Clerk add "If a recycling canister is needed contact the clerk;" to the website. MMS to accept the Clerk's Report by Domjahn and Pawelk. MCU

Committee/Meeting Reports/Board Actions

Janikula and Pawelk attended the Quarterly Township Meeting in Middleville. Family Leave Act was reported, along with Employee Handbook. Janikula noted the importance of the employee handbook. Couri & Ruppi would assist the township clerks with the employee handbook. The Clerk will contact them to add Woodland Township to the list of townships assisting with payment for an employee handbook.

The next quarterly meeting will held at the Woodland Township Hall in January 2026.

Janikula attended a Planning and Zoning meeting about recycling in the townships. County and Township officials were present at the meeting. The group is looking at bundling recycling contracts with other townships. The Commissioners are working on this.

Citizen Request

Ted Salonek Culvert: Culvert has been completed.

Old Business

Internet/phone: Internet change to Broadband Minnesota has been completed. The VOI has run into problems. Broadband cannot take over the phone line. The current phone number can't be turned over to a Minnesota company due to the number being from Colorado, not a local number. Broadband believes with the take over of larger companies from Lakedale it has made it difficult. One solution would be to see if the current phone number could be switch to a cell phone, and then Broadband might be able to switch it over. The Township could also get a new number with Broadband.

At this time the Township will continue to use Windstream until more information is gained about VOI.

The internet isn't reaching the meeting room with the current set up. This was an issue with Windstream internet. Digital Lake from Winsted is willing to do the work to make the meeting room WIFI compatible for \$200. Domjahn would like to move forward with this as township citizens would like to have a guest account. MMS to have a guest account and WIFI added to the meeting room by Pawelk and Domjahn. MCU.

70th Street Ditch Cleaning: This was completed in September. There were flags in the road right away. The Clerk contacted the utilities company to see why the flags were placed on the south side of the road. It was found out that the City of Montrose is surveying the south side of 70th street for utilities.

1995 Blue Mack:

Domjahn asked if there is a reserve on selling the Mack Truck through Steffes Auction.

Janikula: The buyer pays the auction company. There is also no minimum.

Janikula believes the option of selling the 1995 Mack Truck on Steffes online auction will allow the township to get the value of the truck or better. He would like the supervisors to approve it.

Pawelk questioned what else they could do?

Janikula motioned to sign the contract with Steffes to sell the 1995 Mack on the Steffes on line auction from Domjahn seconded it. MCU.

New Business

Snowplow Contracts: Domjahn and Pawelk to approve sending letters to residents where Hilgers turns around at the dead ends of Township Roads for 2025-2026 year. MCU

Road Milage Certification: Pawelk, Domjahn to approve the certified road milage as the same as 2024. MCU.

Fire Numbers: Motion to approve the list of fire numbers to be replaced by Chief Kevin Triplett by Domjahn and Pawelk. MCU.

Cemetery Request: At this time the Waverly Legion are taking care of the Klatt Cemetery on Highway 25. Commissioner Moynagh will let the Township know if there are any changes to this.

Election Judges: MMS to approve the election judges for the November 4, 2025, Senate Election by Pawelk and Domjahn. MCU. *see attachment

Employee Report

No Employee Report. Hilgers reported all was covered through the meeting.

Misc additions:

Watertown Fire Department: Janikula requested the Clerk contact the City Administration about when the fire board meeting is.

With no other business before the Woodland Township Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Julie Marquardt

Election Judges for November 4, 2025

Shirley Domjahn

Sharon Schroeder

Gloria Janikula

Josh Borrell

Sue Beulke

Paula LaVigne

Barb Janikula

Sue Claessen

Mary Handt

LEA: Julie Marquardt

Head Judge: Gloria Janikula

Alternate: Tracy Janikula