

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
*MIDDLEVILLE TOWNSHIP*  
3014 CO. RD. 6 SW  
HOWARD LAKE, MN 55349  
February 10, 2026

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman James Raymond, at 7:00 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Also present were Supervisors Walt Barlow and James Jacobson, PZ Administrator Jessica Elfmann, Treasurer Judy Forst and Clerk Joey Berg. Maintenance Man Randy Klugow was absent on Medical Leave. Others in attendance are noted on the sign-in sheet included with the approved minutes.
2. Andy Hertwig wants to buy a 29 acre parcel in Section 12, PID 212-000-124404. He asked if he would be allowed to sell off part of that property to a neighboring land owner. The board's feeling was that he should be able to do that, but instructed Jessica to look into that scenario and see if, in fact, we could allow that.
3. Curt Forst, representing the Lake Association of Howard Lake, presented an overview of a 5-year plan for Howard Lake habitat restoration. This involves a two year treatment with Fluridone (a very expensive treatment), Carp removal, and some fish stocking. The hoped for outcome is "to restore Howard Lake habitat through the enhancement of native plant populations." Most of the cost will be paid for with Federal funds and perhaps some State funding as well. The rest needs to be covered by local funding so Curt was asking if Middleville Twp would be willing and able to contribute to the cause. Other local groups have already committed to helping out. The board said we would ask the residents at our annual meeting next month, March 10, what their wishes would be. We will suggest two or three thousand dollars per year for the 5-year plan.
4. Joe Borders, resident and property owner of PID 212-000-083301, plans to replace the existing old house with a new one. He showed a sketch to the board (included with these minutes). It is all one building but includes a smaller portion that would be for his elderly mom and dad. It looks like a good plan to us, but Jessica will look further into it be in contact with Joe.
5. Joey presented the Clerk's report: The January minutes were reviewed. The February misc. receipts in the amount of \$2,265.74 and claims in the amount of \$18,328.29 were reviewed. Walt made a motion and James J. second to approve the Clerk's report (including claim #s 10654-10664 & EFT#s E022601-E022608). Carried unanimously 3-0.
6. Judy then presented the Treasurer's report: she stated that the balance on hand at the end of January was \$382,614.03. She noted that we had received the final distribution of the Real Estate tax from Wright County, \$4,759.37, and our portion of the Gravel Tax, \$1,934.25. She stated that there had been interest income of \$63.23 in the month of January of which \$48.89 was reinvested. James R. made a motion and Walt second to approve the Treasurer's report. Carried unanimously 3-0. The board then did an audit of the Clerk's January books along with the Treasurer's report and bank statements. A motion to accept was made by Walt and second by James J. Carried unanimously 3-0.
7. PZ report: Jess reported that 1) she had sent letters to North Metro, about that continuing situation in Section 8; and one to Wally and Linda Brummer in Section 9 about a

possible need for an IUP since they have an advertising sign by the road. 2) she will be sending a letter to Devon Mauk about him living in the shed, since it was not intended for or permitted for that purpose. That is PID 212-000-124200. 3) she will be sending a letter to Winston Shaw and Melissa Shelton, the property owners of PID 212-000-074400, that without a variance they are out of compliance with cattle on their property due to river and road setbacks. 4) Wright Co PZ Administrator, Barry, informed Jessica that Middleville needs to be enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program, or we are not in compliance. She will look into that. 5) Travis McIlree has asked exactly what needs to be done to bring PID 212-000-043404 into compliance. He is trying to buy it, but at the time there are people living in the accessory building. Jessica will send a letter to him about this. Walt made a motion and James J. second to approve the PZ report. Carried unanimously 3-0.

8. Road Maintenance Report: Mark Hurley reported that an oil leak had developed on the new grader. Ziegler had been out and replaced the seal, so all was good. He said the phone calls for his tree-trimming work are starting to pick up, so he will be available to help us out until the middle of April. Joey had talked with Randy and he hopes and plans to be back by March 1. The board felt it was important to have a written statement from his doctor giving permission to go back to work as well as any restrictions. James R. made a motion and James J. second to approve the Road Maintenance report. Carried unanimously 3-0.

9. Old Business: continued complaints and discussion from the Seppelts about the slow moving progress of the McIlree situation. They stated that in their experience with other counties progress is so much quicker and probably would be with our county as well.

10. New Business: 1) Since our March meeting falls on the same evening as our annual meeting, Walt made a motion to move the regular monthly Twp meeting to Thursday, March 12. James J. second. Carried unanimously 3-0.

2) James R. made a motion and Walt second to approve any of our currently certified Election Judges to serve at the Township Election on March 10. Carried unanimously 3-0.

3) Board went over the levy for the annual meeting and determined this proposal:

General Revenue	2025 - 60,000	2026 - 65,000 (plus annual mtg approval for lake)
Road & Bridge	220,000	225,000
Equipment	55,000	55,000
PERA	14,000	14,000
Fire Protection	75,000	75,000
Emergency	2,000	2,000
Recycle	<u>11,000</u>	<u>21,000</u>
	437,000	460,000

4) Board members signed the Treasurer's End of Year Report.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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Joey Berg, Clerk

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James Raymond, Chairman