

St. Lawrence Township
Monthly Meeting
August 14, 2025

Officer's Present

Chairman Ted Kornder, Supervisor Les Quatmann, Supervisor Ron Symanitz, Treasurer Amy Mullen and Clerk Ramona Bischof

Officers Absent

None

Called to Order

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Kornder. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Ted read a statement about how the meeting will be run.

Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting on July 10, 2025, were reviewed. Motion by Ron and seconded by Les to approve the minutes. No further discussion. Motion carried by all.

Treasurer's Report

Amy Mullen presented the Treasurer's report. She stated that in the month of July we had income of \$2,635.72. Balance of \$4,239.87 in checking and \$530,305.11 in savings. Also, have three certificates of deposit with Old National Bank with balances of \$128,561.33, \$52,928.10 and \$22,983.09. Total in banks \$739,017.50. Amy went over budget items and overage. Motion by Les and seconded by Ron to approve. No further discussion. Motion carried by all.

Bills to be paid August 14, 2025:

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| Ted Kornder | Sal/Mtgs. July | \$ 625.00 |
| Les Quatmann | Sal/Mtgs. July | \$ 475.00 |
| Ron Symanitz | Sal/Mtgs. July | \$ 550.00 |
| Amy Mullen | Sal/Mtgs. July | \$ 875.00 |
| Ramona Bischof | Sal/Mtgs. July | \$1,150.00 |
| Ramona Bischof | Reimbursed Expenses | \$ 12.00 |
| MVEC | Electric | \$ 44.50 |
| Taxes | Monthly Taxes | \$ 411.60 |
| PERA | Monthly PERA | \$ 183.75 |
| Dvorak Excavating | Repair cul-de-sac on 214 th , cut weeds and blade roads | \$20,164.50 |
| Brothers Pest Mgmt | Pest Control | \$ 75.00 |
| Bryan Rock | Gravel | \$6,094.45 |
| MN Assn of Twps | 2026 Dues | \$ 494.24 |
| Northern Salt | Dust Coating | \$7,567.00 |
| Scott County Treasurer | Treated Salt | \$ 640.00 |

Motion by Ron and seconded by Les to approve bills to be paid. Mona mentioned that Brothers Pest Mgmt reached out about moles on the property and if we wanted any treatment. The board said no treatment is necessary. No further discussion. Motion carried by all.

Permits:

Robert Wagner was present at the June meeting to request a permit to grow the candy store. They have been limited to that because of lack of land. They started working on a project several years ago to facilitate an avenue to acquire land from US Fish & Wildlife. They have been at it for about 10 years, and they own a piece of property that US Fish & Wildlife would highly desire to make an exchange for land by them at the candy store. Robert is currently trying to go and get information from government agencies to determine if there is support for this. Discussion ensued about septic systems, the road, etc. Ron said he welcomes businesses, but he doesn't want additional township expenses. Ted stated before any decisions were made, they would want Les to be involved so would talk about this at the next meeting. Ted and Ron are both in favor of this and if Les is in favor, they will sign the letter stating they are in favor of the land exchange. The property that he would be exchanging for would be to the west of his current property. Since we have no copy of what Robert would like signed, Les said we should move on but would be in favor of it as well as the other board members stated last month. This letter was presented to the board and the board signed.

Allyhoo – temporary liquor license permit for fundraiser at Scott Carver Threshers on September 21st. Motion by Ron and seconded by Les to approve. No further discussion. Motion carried by all.

Kent Gednalske was present to request a building permit to demolition of a building and a new pole building 36' x 50' to be built. Motion by Les and seconded by Ted to approve per county codes and setbacks. No further discussion. Motion carried by all.

New Business:

Scott County Permit Report for July 2025 – 3 permits

Scott County Sheriff's Report for July 2025 – nothing was out of the ordinary.

St. Lawrence Code Enforcement Report – No report. Mona to request a progress report.

Ridgeview Ambulance request – The board stated that Mona should go to our attorney for a response.

Fire Contracts Survey Results – Ted stated that this is on the township website and pretty much everyone's first contracts are going higher and then the equipment needed is more for use of cities and not townships. This survey is a breakdown of the findings.

MN Association of Townships District 4 Meeting and Election Notice – Tuesday, August 12th at Church of St. Patrick in Shieldsville – update from meeting – fire contract survey results as noted above. Amy said that she has to get more information about the "paid leave" account that is starting January of 2026. There was also a Rice County K-9-unit presentation. An election was held, and Diane was re-elected. One of the township attorneys went through some of the legislative changes.

Couri & Ruppe, PLLP – legal service rates increase for 2026 – for informational purposes only

MN Association of Townships – 2025 Fall Meeting of the MAT Legislative & Research Committee – Friday, September 12th, 2025, at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato – for informational purposes.

Cindy Geis retirement party – Friday, September 26th from 1 to 3 p.m. at Scott County Government Center and continuing at Prior Lake VFW from 4 to 7 p.m. – for informational purposes only

Old Business:

City of Jordan update:

Delaware overpass update/railroad update – Overpass is open! No railroad update. Take off.

190th Street update – Road has been paved. Two courses down. Last course will be down in a couple of weeks. Seeding of ditches were done today. Round-a-bout on the other side is complete and the 190th side has been started.

Quatmann Annexation Approval has been received. For informational purposes only.

Children at Play signs at 218th and Shelby – Ted stated they are looking at options as what to put up. Ted is working on this.

City of Belle Plaine update – They stripped the old highway which St. Lawrence had agreed to. We have not been billed yet.

MN DOT Update – We have a resident that has a bad culvert that they did a repair on and so far it is holding up but they will need to do something when it fails.

Noxious Weed update – The lilacs are starting to die off in certain areas at this time just like they did last year. Jeff Bjick stated that his are dying also but they come back every year.

Road Maintenance Report – Les stated that the road maintenance has been a real chore for Todd. They are not bad now but for a bit Todd was grading every 3-4 days. Ted said there is an area on East Sioux Vista Dr that should be graded when he is down there. Jeff Bjick said that there are a couple of big divets by the T also. Les stated we had trees down from the wind in Sioux Vista. He has more to do but has it all picked up and taken away. Les stated that the ditches need to be mowed in the right-of-way in Sioux Vista. Ron asked Todd to finish the jobs that are in progress first and then do the ditch mowing. These jobs include the cul-de-sac on 214th, finish cutting down Sable's tree and the repairs on Park Blvd. Mona to put a notice on Facebook and the website about ditch mowing. Ted also asked about the culvert on 218th St. He said that it was full of water. If Todd is in the area, he will look at it.

Notices/Public Comments:

John Sable asked about the tree and bringing in dirt and such if there are craters from the tree being cut down but what he is more concerned with is them hitting the driveway and that it not be damaged during the process. Les said let's cross that bridge when we get to it.

Tom Umphress said that he feels like the board should reach out to Bryan Rock about the rock that was purchased and put on our roads, and it was a lot more dirt or something that was put in there. It was the ¾ minus that was bad. When it rained on it, it got very smeary.

Ron asked when the city annexed that property on 195th Street should they annex the road also? This was an island leapfrog annexation. Les stated it was not leapfrogging because part of that property connects to 169 which is the City of Jordan. The agreement stated that if you annex a property, you take the road also. Les said that they will be digging down on the road and connecting them to Les's property so easements will be needed. Ron feels that the board should talk to the city about taking this part of the road. Ron feels that 195th should eventually being taken over by the City of Jordan up to the fairgrounds property. Les feels that the board should reach out and talk to the City of Jordan about this first. Much discussion ensued about sewer lines, etc. that the city will be putting in.

Les asked about the Verizon tower. Mona stated that she is coming to next month's meeting as she cannot make it to this meeting.

Next monthly meeting – Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 7 p.m.

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Motion by Les and seconded by Ron to adjourn the meeting. No further discussion. Motion carried by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by: Ramona Bischof
Ramona Bischof, Clerk

Approved by: Ted Kornder
Ted Kornder, Chairman