

TOWN OF BASHAW MEETING MINUTES

Present: Joe Swan, Steve Degner, Lesa Dahlstrom, Bill Taubman, Jasone Towne, Stefanie Naessen, Angie Winton Roe, Matt Roe, Trevor Levine and Dale Damon.

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Degner at 6:01 pm.
- **MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 9, 2025, MEETING:** Motion by Damon, seconded by Swan. Motion carried.
- **TREASURERS REPORT:** Bank balance as of 12/31/2025 is \$106,633.13 with outstanding checks of \$417,305.96 leaving an ending balance of \$132,883.99. Motion by Damon to approve the treasurer's report, second by Swan. Motion carried.
- **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- **PUBLIC INPUT:** Winton was in attendance to talk about her upcoming re-election. She has been the judge for Washburn County since 2019 and before that she was the part-time assistant DA for Washburn and Burnett County along with having her own private practice.
- **UPDATED ON NEW TOWN OF BASHAW WEBSITE:** Alyssa Degner created the website through WIX and was able to transfer all information from the previous website. Naessen and Dahlstrom had already done some maintenance and updating on the site. There was discussion about possibly having driveway permits and payment available on the new website.
- **FIBER OPTIC CONSENT FORM (MOSAIC TECHNOLOGIES CONSTRUCTION PERMIT):** Degner presented the construction permit application from Mosaic pertaining to fiber optic installation within the township. Motion was made by Swan, seconded by Damon, to approve the construction permit application. Motion carried.
- **DRIVEWAY PERMITS/APPLICATIONS:** Visual inspection was done by Taubman and Swan pertaining to the driveway request for Kimberly Morales (Tax ID 1802). Taubman suggested supervising the construction of the driveway to ensure that water comes down the ditch. Motion was made by Swan, and seconded Damon, to approve the driveway permit with the exception that it's supervised and may possibly need a culvert. Motion carried.
- **ROADS:** Taubman will get information for Dahlstrom pertaining to Forest Creek Rd plowing in the year so an invoice can be created. Taubman stated that it's been a challenging year with the roads between the snow/rain/thaw/freeze, etc. The County stated they have never been this low on sand so early in the winter season like they are this year. Harrington has been putting sand in the middle of the blacktop roads to help with the icy patches left. Degner stated that he and Swan went to the TRID/TRIS meeting and the town Spring Lake Rd project was voted 5th in line. Degner stated that priority seems to be with roads that don't have alternative routes and Spring Lake Rd might be a hard sell for the grant funding. He suggested that if we do anything we'll have to do a two or three step process on Spring Lake Rd ourselves. Degner is hoping to hear back on the ARIP grant in a month or two.
- **TRUCK/GRADER:** Taubman stated that the ABS light is coming on along with another light, but he hasn't investigated what is causing it yet. Taubman suggested looking into using the county for any maintenance issue vs going to Superior. It was also suggested putting chains on the truck for icy storms considering the cost of getting chains put on the truck is way cheaper vs seeing the truck get damaged.
- **TOWNHALL:** Taubman stated that the holding tank was recently pumped.
- **SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** February 10th at 6 PM.
- **APPROVE VOUCHERS:** Motion made by Damon, seconded by Swan, to approve check numbers 15640 – 15669. Motion carried.
- **ADJOURN MEETING:** Motion made by Swan, seconded by Damon, to adjourn at 6:32 PM. Motion carried.

Stefanie Naessen - Town Clerk