

**Princeton Township
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota**

Township Board Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Minutes

The May monthly meeting of the Princeton Township Board was called to order by Vice Chair Dan Hiller at 7:01 p.m. Supervisors Dan Hiller and Bill Whitcomb attended the meeting in person at Township Hall. Supervisor Thomas Duden attended via Teams. The meeting was open to in-person attendance.

Supervisors absent: Gene Stoeckel and Mike Bishman.

Staff present: Clerk-Treasurer Tandra Langfeld, Zoning Administrator Scott Richards.

Public attendees: Jim Goetsch, Patti Goetsch, Kirstie Hall, Josh Hall, Larry Doose, Joel Minks, Debra Hoffman, Dustin Hoffman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

Patti Goetz wanted an update on the progress of the nuisance neighbor. She also complimented the Board on how they handled matters at the last Board meeting. Larry Doose spoke to his disappointment about how long it was taking to resolve a road agreement on 136th he brought before the board months ago. Mr. Whitcomb said he had received the updated version of the agreement from Mr. Doose on Saturday and sent it to the town attorney for review within 20 minutes of receiving it but has not heard back on it yet. Mr. Doose asked if the Board could approve it pending the Attorneys approval? Mr. Whitcomb said he was not comfortable with that. Mr. Whitcomb suggested a special meeting. Mr. Doose was looking for some assurance it would be taken care of next month. Mr. Whitcomb said he would call Jason Hill again tomorrow and see what he has worked out with the city and the other part of the road agreement and see if it is going to be something that is just separate. Mr. Doose said he did not see why the Townships Road agreement with the city of Baldwin had anything to do with his agreement. This was strictly maintenance. Joel Minks wanted to know why he would have to do anything if it is a public road. If you stay within the weight limits. Mr. Doose said the weight limit was the issue and he would fix it if damage was caused.

Approve Meeting Minutes

April 15 Monthly Meeting: Mr. Whitcomb moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2025 monthly meeting. Seconded by Mr. Duden. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

Cash Control Statement—April 30, 2025

General Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 64,544.24
Receipts	\$ 9,115.94
Disbursements	\$ 10,327.27
Ending Balance	\$ 63,242.91
Road & Bridge Fund Beginning Balance	\$105,434.01
Receipts	\$ 673.20

Disbursements	\$ 8972.14
Ending Balance	\$ 97,135.07
Total Cash Beginning Balance	\$251,007.41
Receipts	\$ 10,789.14
Disbursements	\$ 19,299.41
Ending Balance	\$242,497.14
April Payroll	
April Payroll	\$ 5730.00
Planning Commission Payroll	\$ 577.20
Total Claims to Date	\$32,328.60

Mr. Whitcomb moved to approve the Clerk Report in its entirety. Second, by Mr. Duden. Motion carried.

Zoning Report

Hoffman CUP 1474 Alpha Road: Scott Richards gave a quick review of the CUP. The Planning commission recommended favorably for it at their May 5th meeting. It cannot be voted on as there are only 3 supervisors present, and it requires a 4/5th vote. Discussion was had about a special meeting again.

Mr. Hiller motioned to move the Hoffman CUP to the next scheduled meeting or Special meeting if one is set up. Second, by Mr. Whitcomb. Motion carried

Noise Ordinance Resolution and Ordinance Change: Mr. Whitcomb moved to continue the noise ordinance resolution 2025-1 to the June 17th meeting or special meeting. Second by Mr. Hiller.

Letter to resident Andrew Mathews. Discussion : Letter was sent at the request of Tony Trunk the property owner.

New Business

Mr. Hiller moved to have the planning commission look at amending our Ordinances in regard to super majority votes. Second, by Mr. Duden. Discussion. Mr. Whitcomb wanted clarification on what that means. Mr. Richards clarified that the Variances, CUP's and any amendments of the Ordinances require a 4/5ths vote. Motion carried

Old Business

There was a discussion about Erickson Asphalt Billing. Mr. Duden moved to send the contract to Jason Hill for review and not pay the overage at this time. Second, by Mr. Whitcomb. Motion carried.

Supervisor Reports

Road report—Bill Whitcomb

Chloride was applied in May. Grading is ongoing as needed. Spray patching was completed. Brush removal is ongoing in house. Mr. Hiller and Mr. Whitcomb met with Wyannett again agreement is still pending. Mr. Whitcomb has not heard anything back from the City of Princeton Road agreement. Mr. Whitcomb reported on ongoing projects. Mr. Whitcomb asked what the timeline was on the Long siding home removal? It has been 120 days since letter was sent. Scott Richards said he would look into it.

Fireboard Report – Dan Hiller

The meeting was on May 7th. Daryl Shelley was voted Chair on the Board. Jason reviewed the fire contract. Hopefully it will be looked at at the July meeting. It goes off of area not tax capacity so the Townships bill should go from about \$60,000 to \$45,189.00 billed in July and November. Clerk Tandra Langfeld asked what to do with the billing for truck and woodchipper rental from Ken Hennen. He had increased what he charges per hour with no approval and only said it was the going rate from around Princeton.

Discussions on rentals.

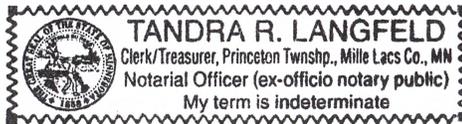
Ms. Langfeld also asked if we are renting his equipment does the township pay for maintenance and gasoline. Mr. Hiller said we do not pay for maintenance on them. Ms. Langfeld asked if there is any liability for the township using his equipment. Mr. Duden said he needs to insure it against his losses. Mr. Duden was going to follow up with Ken Hennen on the rentals. Ms. Langfeld asked about getting a mower for the township.

Adjourn

Mr. Whitcomb moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Duden seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tandra Langfeld,
Clerk-Treasurer



Approved by the Town Board June 17, 2025

Eugene Stoeckel, Chairman