

## **Thursday, February 19, 2026 Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Meeting held at Knife Lake Townhall  
2013 260<sup>th</sup> Ave Mora, MN 55051

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ken Mattson at 7:00 PM. Supervisors Mary Fratzke and Ed Hamlin were present. Also present was Clerk Kim Christenson, Treasurer Lisa Olson, and Zoning Administrator Gerald Evenson.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Moved, Second, Carried MSC (Ed, Mary) to approve the agenda as amended. Add dust control bid.

MSC (Mary, Ed) to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting as presented.

All monthly bills were reviewed. MSC (Ken, Ed) to approve and pay the bills.

Michael Odencrans and the Planning Commission met with the board to discuss a variance application Michael submitted for the property located at 277X East of Hwy 65 Mora. PID numbers 10.01700.00 and 10.02325.00. The variance was requesting to set up 20 building lots or parcels of 1.6 acres of land each instead of 5 acres of land in the township ordinance that states each lot or parcel shall be 5 acres of land parcels. The planning commission reviewed the proposed plan and building site prior to the public hearing. A public hearing was held with the public and the planning commission.

After discussion the planning commission collectively decided to make the recommendation to the town board to deny the variance due to the setbacks requirements not meeting the township's zoning ordinance.

By unanimous vote the township supervisors are in agreement with the Planning Commission and voted to deny the variance application submitted by 1089, LLC Sherman Builders.

John Bottelson with Ann Lake Township met with the board to discuss Garden Street. Garden Street is a shared road between Knife Lake Township and Ann Lake Township. The end of Garden Street is abandoned and Ann Lake Township would like to record that part of Garden Street as abandoned. The board stated they will do some research on the road and what the process is to abandon a road and will discuss this at the March meeting.

MSC (Ken, Ed) to accept the quote from Central Right of Way Services to mow along township roads at the rate of \$58.00 per mile for both sides of road.

The board reviewed and discussed the suggestions from the township attorney of the updated zoning ordinance. After review the board would like to meet with the attorney to discuss the proposed suggestions. The board will meet with the township attorney on Thursday, March 12 at 5:30pm at the townhall.

There were zero land use permits issued last month.

There were zero shoreland permits issued since December 2025.

It was moved by Ed Hamlin, seconded by Mary Fratzke and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #1 – 02/19/2026**  
**Resolution Appointing Election Judges**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes 204B.21 allows Knife Lake Township to appoint election judges, and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Statutes 204B. 19, subdivision 2 requires that an election judge (1) can read, write, and speak the English language, (2) is not the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of any election judge serving in the same precinct or any candidate of the election, (3) is not domiciled, either permanently or temporarily with any candidate at the election, or (4) is not a candidate in the election, and

**WHEREAS**, the base number of required election judges for an election in Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes 204B.22 has been determined to be a minimum of 4 for the precinct of Knife Lake Township, and

**WHEREAS** the clerk recommends the appointment of 14 election judges due to the anticipated voter turnout, election judge availability, and necessity of maintaining party balance at all times during the day, and

**WHEREAS**, under Minnesota Statutes 204B.21, subdivision 2, a resolution is mandatory if the appointment of the election judge is within 25 days of the election in which the election judge will serve;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of Knife Lake Township hereby appoints the election judges as eligible to serve in all 2026 elections, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Town Board of Knife Lake Township hereby authorizes any election judge to be compensated as required by Minnesota Statutes 204B.31, in an amount set by the Town Board at their regular hourly rate at \$20.00 per hour, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Town Board of Knife Lake Township hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to add additional election judges as needed and allowed by Minnesota Statutes 204B.21.

**7:40pm** - The chairperson called for public comment three times. Those that responded included:

Jody Anderson	Stated she is disappointed that the variance did not pass
Michael Odencrans	Stated the reason for the 1.6 acre proposal was to save agricultural land

**7:47pm** – The chairperson closed public comment.

The board discussed the 2027 township levy and would like the following recommendations for the 2027 levy at the March annual meeting:

Revenue Fund:	\$70,560
Road & Bridge Fund:	\$43,200
Fire Fund:	\$54,000
<b>Total Levy:</b>	<b>\$167,760</b>

MSC (Ken, Mary) to accept the low bid of \$1.748 per gallon from Knife River-North Central for calcium chloride treatment for 2026.

MSC (Ed, Mary) to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.

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Clerk

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Chairman