

Thursday, January 16, 2025 Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting

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

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Moved, Second, Carried MSC (Mary, Ed) to approve the agenda as amended: add US Treasury bill \$917.92.

MSC (Ed, Mary) to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting as presented.

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

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

Resolution #1 – 01/16/2025 RESOLUTION DECLARING THE TOWN'S INTENT TO REMOVE TREE FROM THE RIGHT OF WAY

WHEREAS, Minesota law seeks to protect road users from injury, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota law provides road authorities with the power to protect road users from injury through several statutes listed in Minnesota Statutes Chapters 160 through 169, and elsewhere, and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 160.02, subd. 25 indicates townships are the road authority for township roads, and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 160.02, subd. 26 defines “roads” and “highways” as “several kinds of highways as defined in this section;”, and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 160.02, subd. 28 defines township roads as “roads . . . which hereafter may be established, constructed, or improved under the authority of . . . town boards;”, and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 160.02, indicates that the road authority may remove trees hedges, shrubs, and other vegetation along highways so long as permission is provided or certain procedures are followed, and

WHEREAS, Knife Lake Township (Town) intends to remove certain vegetation from township roads that pose a danger to town road users;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED, the Town will begin examining trees, hedges, shrubs, and other vegetation along town roads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, if the Town determines vegetation poses a risk to highway users, it will begin the process of removing the vegetation detailed in Minn. Stat. § 160.02, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOVLED, the Town will remove the vegetation that poses the highest risk to highway users first, examples of higher risk vegetation includes vegetation that is close to the driving surface, vegetation that is dying and has a strong likelihood of affecting the driving surface, and vegetation that is large and will be difficult to avoid in the event a vehicle must exit the driving surface.

There were zero land use permits were issued last month.

There were zero shoreland permits issued since December 2024.

7:49pm - The chairperson called for public comment three times. None responded

7:50pm – The chairperson closed public comment.

MSC (Ed, Mary) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Clerk

Chairman