

**Thursday, January 15, 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 presented.

MSC (Mary, Ed) to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting as presented.

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

Michael Odencrans with Sherman Builders met with the board to discuss their proposed plans with the Hwy 65 housing project. Sherman Builders did apply for a variance on January 13, 2026 with the zoning administrator. Ken Mattson stated that he did speak with MnDOT about a turn lane for the road approach the plan is proposing. MnDOT did say that a turn lane will need to be made for the new road approach if the plans are approved.

Planning Commission member Keith Van Hale explained to Michael what the next steps are since he applied for a variance. He explained that the planning commission will need to do a site inspection. After the site inspection a public hearing will be held for members of the community to speak. Once the public hearing is done the variance will be presented to the Township Board for the supervisors for final decision.

The board received a bid for shoulder mowing from Central Right of Way Services for mowing township road shoulders. The board would like to get a bid from Black's Excavating for shoulder mowing. The board collectively decided to table the decision until the February board meeting to review the bids.

The board did a final review of the updated zoning ordinance. After review the board instructed the clerk to send the zoning ordinance to the township attorney for review. The board will review the attorney's suggestions at the February board meeting.

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

Gerald Cook, Knife Lake Sports	Gerald would like to put up a new sign for his business but was told by the zoning administrator that he could not because it does not meet the current zoning ordinance sign requirements. Gerald stated that when he originally put up the sign in 1992 there was no problems. The board stated that they would look into the records from 1992.
Chris McGuire	Voiced concerns with the proposed Hwy 65 housing project and asked

questions about procedures concerning the variance.
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**7:56pm** – The chairperson closed public comment.

The board discussed the 2026 fire contract with the City of Mora. To date the board has not received a signed contract from the city for the fire contract. The clerk contacted the city, the city stated that they are going to bring the fire contract with the township’s revisions to the next city council meeting in January for approval.

There were zero land use permits issued last month.

There were zero shoreland permits issued since December 2025.

The board discussed the 2027 township levy. The board tabled the discussion until the February meeting.

The Knife Lake Board of Audit meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:00pm at the townhall.

MSC (Mary, Ed) to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM.

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Clerk

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Chairman