

Tuesday March 10, 2026 Annual Knife Lake Township Meeting

Meeting called to order by clerk Kim Christenson at 8:15 PM. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Nominations were opened to choose a moderator. Ken Mattson nominated Matt Felger. The nomination was seconded by Mary Fratzke. By unanimous vote Matt Felger was approved as moderator.

Motion, Second, Carried (MSC) (Mary Fratzke, Ken Mattson) to approve the agenda as presented.

The Knife Lake Township Annual Meeting minutes were presented, it was MSC (Ken Mattson, Mary Fratzke) to approve the minutes of the 2025 annual meeting.

The 2025 financial report was presented. There were no questions about yearly receipts and expenses. MSC (Ken Mattson, Mary Fratzke) to approve the 2025 financial report.

Supervisor Ken Mattson presented the road report. Information was presented on road graveling and Class 5 gravel that was used in 2025. Projects completed in 2025: dirt placed on Sorensens Rd, finished trees and brush project on Garden Street, tree removal on Sorensens Rd completed, applied 13,300 gallons of chloride on township roads, spot gaveled 864 yards on township roads. The board will be looking at road projects for 2026 in the upcoming meetings.

Discussion and action was taken on setting township levies for taxes payable in 2027. The recommendations made by the Board of Supervisors at their February 19, 2026 meeting were to keep the General Fund Levy at \$70,560, to increase the Road and Bridge Fund Levy to \$43,200, and to increase the Fire Fund to \$54,000.

MSC (Ken Mattson, Mary Fratzke) to set the 2027 Levy as follows:

Fund	2027 Recommendation
General	\$70,560
Road & Bridge	\$43,200
Fire	\$54,000
Total	\$167,760 (5.6% increase)

Kim Christenson presented the uncertified election results. A total of fourteen (14) ballots were cast.

Three-year term for Supervisor:

Ed Hamlin received 14 votes

Two-year term for Clerk:

Kim Christenson received 14 votes

Written requests for financial support from Knife Lake Township were received by six organizations. Letters were received by Kanabec County Sheriff's Reserve, Family Pathways, Kanabec County Ag Society, New Pathways, Seven County Senior Federation, and Kanabec County History Center. MSC (Ken Mattson, Mary Fratzke) to recommend that the Knife Lake Township Board of Supervisors approve a donation, up to \$500 to each organization that has completed an application for Township Health and Welfare Funds.

Clerk Kim Christenson presented a resolution to move the township elections from March of each year to November of each year. Kim spoke of the pros and cons of moving the election to November with the biggest pro of the reduction of election expenditures.

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

RESOLUTION #1 – 03/10/2026
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER
THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER AS THE TOWN
GENERAL ELECTION DATE

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 205.075 provides towns the option to designate the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of either the even-numbered or the odd-numbered year as the date of the town general election; and

WHEREAS, the town electors at the last annual town meeting adopted a resolution directing the town board to ask the question of whether to move the town general election to November; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of Knife Lake Township, Kanabec County, Minnesota does hereby designate the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years as the date of the town general election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the designation shall take effect for the 2030 town election provided the electors vote to authorize the designation at the next town election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following plan shall be used to provide an orderly transition to the November election schedule by lengthening the terms of office:

1. The supervisor position that expires in March of 2027 shall be designated "Supervisor 1" and shall be extended so the position is up for election in November of 2032 and the person serving in the position will serve until the first Monday in January of 2033;
2. The supervisor position that expires in March of 2028 shall be designated "Supervisor 2" and shall be extended so the position is up for election in November of 2030 and the person serving in the position will serve until the first Monday in January of 2031;

3. The supervisor position that expires in March of 2029 shall be designated “Supervisor 3” and shall be extended so the position is up for election in November of 2032 and the person serving in the position will serve until the first Monday in January of 2033;
4. The position of clerk that expires in March of 2028 shall be extended so the position is up for election in November of 2030 and the person serving in the position will serve until the first Monday in January of 2031;
5. The position of treasurer that expires in March of 2029 shall be extended so the position is up for election in November of 2032 and the person serving in the position will serve until the first Monday in January of 2033; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that officers elected after the effective date of this resolution and approval of the town electors shall be elected for four year terms as provided in Minn. Stat. §367.03, subd. 4; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the ballot question and take such other actions as may be needed to submit the question of adopting the November election date to the electors for a vote at the next town election.

MSC (Ken Mattson, Mary Fratzke) to set the voting hours from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for 2027 township election, with the annual meeting to start at 8:15 PM. Date: March 9, 2027.

MSC (Ken Mattson, Mary Fratzke) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Clerk

Moderator

Tuesday March 10, 2026 - Board of Canvas Meeting

The Knife Lake Township Board of Supervisors met as the Board of Canvas at the conclusion of the annual meeting. Supervisors Ken Mattson and Mary Fratzke were present. Ed Hamlin was absent. Ken Mattson call meeting to order. MSC (Ken Mattson, Mary Fratzke) to certify the township election results as presented in the election summary by the election judges. MSC (Ken Mattson, Mary Fratzke) to adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Clerk