

## **Wednesday, November 19, 2025 Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ken Mattson at 7:00 PM. Supervisors Mary Fratzke and present. Supervisor Ed Hamlin was present via Google Meet. 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 (Ed, Mary) to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting as presented.

All monthly bills were reviewed. MSC (Ken, Mary) 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. Michael presented the board with a sketch and summary of their plan. The plan consists of dividing the land into 15 residential lots and constructing a new road that would stretch from Township Road 233<sup>rd</sup> to Hwy 65. The board asked Michael if he has talked to MnDOT concerning the Hwy 65 approach and if MnDOT approved the approach. Michael stated they have not checked with MnDOT yet about the road approach. The board also had concerns with the construction of a new road on the property. The board informed Michael that they would like to check with the township's lawyer and will make a decision at the December board meeting.

MSC (Ed, Mary) to certify 23 1/8 miles of road in Knife Lake Township have been maintained and open to the traveling public in 2025. Ken will follow up on the requirements to inspect and maintain township signs.

MSC (Ken, Mary) to approve an agreement with Arthur Township for purchase and storage of salt/sand for the 2025-2026 winter season.

The board discussed the new MN Paid Leave Law that is going into effect January 1, 2026. The new law requires all "employees" to pay a payroll tax on their wages. Effective January 1, 2026 all elected officials, appointed officials, and election judges are will be required to pay the tax for the MN Paid Leave and the new tax will be deducted from their wages.

There were zero land use permit issued last month.

There were zero shoreland permits issued since August 2025.

**7:38pm** - The chairperson called for public comment three times. Those that responded included:

Keith Van Hale	Questions about the proposed Hwy 65 housing project
LeRoy Sipes	Voiced concerns with the proposed Hwy 65 housing project and his farm that abuts the land

Chris McGuire	Voiced concerns with the proposed Hwy 65 housing project and how the new road will run alongside his driveway
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**7:44pm** – The chairperson closed public comment.

MSC (Ken, Mary) to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM.

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Clerk

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Chairman