Lake Eunice Township

Treasurer: Ann Hixson Supervisors: Ed Clem, Gerald Johnson

Chairman: Jason Rosing Wayne Jacobson, Al Bergquist

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The Lake Eunice Township board held its monthly meeting at the town hall on July 8th, 2025 at 7:00 pm.  The minutes from June 2025 was reviewed and approved by a motion by Wayne Jacobson and seconded by Ed Clem. The board reviewed the treasurer report. The treasurer report was approved with Ed Clem making the first motion and Jerry Johnson approving.

The board discussed the Zink property and an affidavit that was reviewed by Carl Malmstrom, township attorney. This Affidavit on behalf of Lake Eunice Township-clarified that Lake Eunice Township does not maintain or claim any control or ownership of any part of any roadway or driveway extending beyond the boundaries of the platted road as shown in the Plat of BERGQUIST BEACH FIFTH ADDITION. This was reviewed by the board and approved for signature. Kirk Zink was given a copy as it applies to his property on 11020 W LAKE EUNICE RD.

A Road encroachment-Aldean Lee Property located at: 15731 W LITTLE CORMORANT RD was reviewed by the board. The work was approved with a motion from Jason Rosing and seconded by Al Bergquist.

The board reviewed the fire contract from city of Audubon for the next three years. Jason Rosing brought a motion to accept and sign. The board voted with Jerry Johnson voting to not accept this contact and Jason Rosing, Ed Clem, Al Bergquist and Wayne Jacobson voting yes. Heather Anderson reported the next three years; we are paying for 56.21 % of the contract which is a small increase.

Lake Eunice has received the signed compost contract back from Cormorant Township with an appreciative note that they are thankful for the partnership. The new compost site information will be posted on our website.

Ann Hixson described the issues with the IRS and the 941 forms that she discovered in December of 2024. She stated four years ago, the IRS payment system for quarterly payments changed-we could no longer send in a physical check. According to Ann Hixson, the money had been transferred and deducted from our Bell Bank account but it did it not go into the new IRS account, so it appeared that Lake Eunice had not made these payments in four years. There is a payment of $2103.35, which includes penalty fees and interest. All the communication, money transfer, etc. with the IRS was shared with the board. Ann Hixson has been in constant communication with the IRS and has asked for forgiveness, which was denied. The board approved this payment going out. Moving forward, JMS CPAs,PLLP will be doing these quarterly payments as they have the required software.

The work to repair the water at the townhall was completed by Elsner Well Drilling last month. Heather Anderson was told it should be under warranty but we received an invoice. Heather Anderson did call Elsner and asked why we got an invoice. She was told that pump and repairs warranty was denied due to “human error.” Heather Anderson did ask for this in writing and asked for them to email information. The invoice will still not be paid.

Carl Malstrom has been consulted about any requests that include entering the townhall and reviewing information. He stated that Minnesota Townships, do not have the same obligations under the Data Practices Act as other government entities. Lake Eunice Township has some responsibilities in this area. For example, meeting minutes are public information and available for public inspection. Since Lake Eunice township does not employee a full-time clerk, availability needs to be reasonable and can be arranged by the clerk. Lake Eunice Township may charge a fee for time, copies, etc. in providing these records and make arrangements with the parties. For these requests, the Lake Eunice Township board affirms the following:

* $25 an hour for clerk time for preparation of the townhall and information sharing
* $25 an hour for two road supervisors to be present at the townhall
* $25 an hour for clerk to be present at the townhall
* IRS mileage rate to be paid to township staff present at the townhall
* Reasonable time allowed and will be scheduled at the discretion of the township

Arrangements need to be made prior for payment.

Wayne Jacobson indicated that cut outs have been completed. The townhall parking lot should be done this year.

The board reviewed the most recent invoices amounts from Carl Malmstrom for record requests, clarification on fire contracts and reimbursement for support as it relates to the Sperl residents that live in Lake Eunice. There has been a significant increase in costs for legal consultation due to this-for example, $650 for review of four emails. Jason Rosing noted this is tax payer dollars and the budget was reviewed for 2025.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm by motion from Wayne Jacobson and seconded by Ed Clem.

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Heather Anderson, Township Clerk Date

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