

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2025

PRESENT: Board Supervisors: Dale B. Anderson Chairman, Jim Fridstrom (Supervisor) & Mike Furlong (Supervisor)
Treasurer: Arianna Wieler
Deputy Treasurer: Carol Williams Kahring
Clerk: Darrell Vosika
Road Maintenance Supervisor: Rob A. Anderson (Employee)

LOCATION: Cambridge Township Hall located in the Isanti County Historical Society Building (33525 FLANDERS ST. NE, CAMBRIDGE).

1. Chairman Dale B. Anderson called the Monthly Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED
M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / MIKE FURLONG (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE.
M = OFFICER MAKING THE MOTION
S = OFFICER SECONDING THE MOTION
4. Approval of the **MINUTES** of **DECEMBER 9, 2024**, MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.
MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2024, MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.
M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / MIKE FURLONG (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE
5. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** were prepared by Ariana Weiler, Treasurer, Carol Williams Kahring, Deputy Treasurer and Darrell Vosika, Township Clerk.
 - A. MISC. INCOME:

i) 2024 2 ND Half Tax Settlement – Isanti County	\$ 175,417.18
ii) Utility Permit #2024-43 – ECE	\$ 100.00
iii) Isanti County – Beer License – 50% of Fee (Grandy Nine Golf)	\$ 37.50
iv) State of Mn – Township Aid	\$ 750.00
MV Credit-Agricultural	\$ 3001.86
v) Utility Permit #2024 – ECE	\$ 100.00
 - B. The following **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**
 - CLERK’S REPORTS:**
 - i) Bank Account Reports: **DECEMBER 31, 2024**
 - ii) Interest & Dividend Reports: **DECEMBER 2024**
 - TREASURER’S REPORTS:**
 - iii) CTAS REPORTS available are as follows:
 - a) 12/31/2024 – Net Pay Account Distribution
 - b) 1/13/2025 – Claims List for Approval

CLERK & TREASURER'S MONTHLY EXPENSE REPORT

- a) Clerk's **DECEMBER 2024** Expenses: \$ 55,270.14
- b) Treasurer's **DECEMBER 2024** Expenses: \$ 55,270.14

NOTE: Last month's (November 2024) reported expenses, there was a correction regarding check #13995. The amount was correct, but the vendor was Mn Dept. of Revenue (not Mn Association of Township).

- C. The Township received reports from First Bank & Trust showing a collateral insurance amount to cover 110% of the uninsured savings dated **12/31/2024**. They check the deposit balances every business day at 2pm CST and make pledge changes accordingly at that time. (Minn. Stat. 118A.03)
- D. **CD at SECURITY BANK & TRUST**- The clerk was able to renew the CD for 6 months at the interest rate of 4.18% (APY = 4.25%). New maturity date: 6/30/2025. To update the authorizations for signing at Security Bank & Trust, the following requirements have been completed:
 - 1) Copy of Cambridge Township Resolution #24-19 authorizing designated Township Officers to function as signers for the accounts at the bank.
 - 2) Copy of letter to bank giving notification of the Resolution #24-19.
 - 3) Copy of monthly Cambridge Township Minutes (12/9/2024) showing Authorizations & motions
 - 4) Authorized Officers registered and signed at the Bank.
- E. **FIRST BANK & TRUST**- The clerk had designated officers sign the authorization for the check signing documents and the documents regarding the Money Market Account at First Bank & Trust. The Clerk will take the documents into First Bank & Trust completing the new authorization procedure.
- F. **MINNCO CREDIT UNION** – With the passing of Supervisor Erlandson Sr., the Board needed to update the designated authorization signers for the Minnco Credit Union accounts. The Board signed a letter to Minnco Credit Union notifying them that Cambridge Township approved Resolution #25-01. Resolution #25-01 appoints three (3) Township Officers to be authorized signers for the Minnco Credit Union accounts. The authorized officers are as follows:

Arianna Weiler	Township Treasurer
Darrell Vosika	Township Clerk
Jim Fridstrom	Township Supervisor

All prior authorized signers are to be terminated.

RESOLUTION #25-01: OFFICERS AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FOR THE CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP BANK ACCOUNTS AT MINNCO CREDIT UNION, CAMBRIDGE, MN.

M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / MIKE FURLONG (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE

The Clerk will take the signed documents into Minnco Credit Union along with a copy of January 13, 2025, Cambridge Township Board meeting minutes.

G. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS AS PRESENTED AT THE JANUARY 13, 2025, MEETING.

M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / MIKE FURLONG (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE

6. SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

- A. **LIQUOR LICENSE – PURPLE HAWK CLUB HOUSE - JASON SCHULZ, VICE PRESIDENT,**

was representing the organization: PURPLE HAWK CLUB HOUSE
36296 HWY 65 NE
CAMBRIDGE, MN 55008

The organization was seeking consent from the Cambridge Township Board for Isanti County to issue the following liquor licenses: On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor

Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating liquor

According to the presenter, the license cost would be pro-rated because the golf course was not open all year long. This was not stated on the consent nor had the Board had previous experience with a similar situation. The Board felt that they should consult with the Isanti County Audit's Office on proper procedure with a pro-rated fee. The Club House will not be opened until Spring of 2025, so the Board decided to table the request until the February 10, 2025, monthly Board meeting.

MOTION: TO TABLE THE CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP CONSENT TO ISANTI COUNTY FOR THE PURPLE HAWK CLUB HOUSE LIQUOR REQUESTS UNTIL THE FEBRUARY 10, 2025, MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.

M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / MIKE FURLONG (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE

- B. **HAWK'S NEST (ELIASSEN ENTERPRISES LLC)** – JULIE ELIASSEN, REPRESENTING HAWK'S NEST, CAME BEFORE THE BOARD ASKING FOR CONSENT OF THE TOWN BOARD FOR THE COUNTY OF ISANTI TO ISSUE A LIQUOR LICENSE. THE FOLLOWING LICENSE WAS BEING REQUESTED:

OFF-SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR

**MOTION: TO GRANT CONSENT FOR THE ELIASSEN ENTERPRISES LLC TO HAVE THE COUNTY OF ISANTI TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING LIQUOR LICENSE:
OFF-SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR**

M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / MIKE FURLONG (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE

A TOWNSHIP FEE OF 20% (\$100.00) OF THE COUNTY LICENSE FEE WAS CHARGED PER MINNESOTA STATUE #340A.408.

- C. **343rd AVE & RAILROAD CROSSING-** - Alex Fiorini, PE, Manager Public Projects, was not available to attend. The Board would still like to have him attend a future Board meeting to discuss the situation and be available to answer any questions/concerns.

7. NEW BUSINESS AT PUBLIC REQUEST:

- A. **LAND OPTION (O'BRIEN)** – Closing of land purchase took place on 11/11/2024, at 11am at Lindberg Law Office, P.A. – Chairman Dale and Clerk Darrell represented the Township at the closing.
- B. **ROGER VAVRA** – Cambridge Township resident came before the Board to see what could be done about the speed control in front of his house on Naples St. NE. The area in question does not fit the "rural residential district" as defined in Minn. Stat. 169.011, subd. 69a, as "the territory contiguous to and including any... town road that is built up with visible dwelling houses situated at intervals averaging less than 300' or less for a quarter mile or more". The area on Naples St. that is being discussed would not qualify for the speed limit to be posted at 35 mph. The township will check with MAT regarding any steps available to control the speed on gravel roads.

- C. **SPECIAL OVERWEIGHT PERMIT** – The Board had available for **Roger Vavra** to review if he desires a SPECIAL USE PERMIT during road restriction postings for Cambridge Township roads in 2025. The Special Use Permit was for the hauling of grain from his farm (by semitrailer) with the following conditions in effect: (See Special Use Permit for list of conditions). Roger accepted the available 2025 Special Use Permit.
- MOTION: TO ISSUE A 2025 SPECIAL USE PERMIT DURING CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ROAD RESTRICTION POSTINGS TO ROGER VAVRA FOR THE HAULING OF GRAIN (SEMITRAILER) WITH A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS IN EFFECT (SEE SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR LISTING OF CONDITIONS).**
- M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / MIKE FURLONG (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE**

8. ROAD BUSINESS

- A. **ROB'S REPORT:**
- i) **Snowplowing**- going well
 - ii) **Western Star** – DEF gauge is on – will be taking it to Lake State Repair in Rush City on Tuesday to be evaluated.
 - iii) **State of Mn/Grandy** – Rob met with a Mn State Highway representative in Grandy at the intersection of 368th Lane and State Hwy 65 to discuss future reconstruction in that area. There are water catch basin(s) that fill up with gravel and get plugged. In the future the Township will be responsible for cleaning out these water basin(s) if they get plugged with gravel. Rob suggests that the township should consider paving 368th Lane from the west intersection (Edison St) down to State Hwy 65. The Mn State Hwy Dept gave an estimate of \$14,197.20 if they would include the cost in the reconstruction project scheduled for Hwy 65 in the near future. Rob would like to check with North Oaks & Knife River for cost estimates and get back to the Board.
 - iv) **North Pine Lake Road** – Fish Lake Township would like to pave this road in 2026, using bonding as a means of financing. Cambridge Township has about 1400' of North Pine Lake Road that intersects with Skogman Lake Road and runs east. The number of residences on that portion of the road are approximately 3. The majority of the traffic is from Chisago Co. Before it could be paved, Cambridge Township's portion of the road would need to be built up and a culvert replaced in the swamp area. There is a swamp area of which the township has $\frac{3}{4}$ of the length. Rob's estimate for raising the road, ditching, erosion control, removing some trees & cost of blanket would be approximately \$55,000. Paving would be approximately \$45,000.
The Board will take this under consideration and no action was taken at this time.
- B. **ROAD ORDINANCE REVIEW** – The Board will continue to work on reviewing & updating the Cambridge Township Road Ordinance 101 once all the various sections of the Comprehensive Plan have been finalized. Jim is on a Committee that will review the changes in the plan.
- C. **UTILITY PERMITS** – The clerk reported that the township has issued 46 Utility Permits for the fiscal year 2024.

D. **ROAD ITEMS NOT COMPLETE:**

- i) **PIKE/CRANE** road damage incident (10/10/2021) – Jim will check with the township lawyers regarding the status of this case.
Balance of original settlement amount: \$9,850.00
- ii) **SPECIAL ASSESSMENT (2019)** – 34299 Hupp St. NE – culvert replaced
The assessment never got on the property tax statement
Dale will check into this once the tax statements for 2025 are out.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. **BROADBAND (EAST CENTRAL ENERGY'S FIBER INTERNET PROJECT)**

www.ecefiber.com

Important Notice: VoIP Battery Backup Requirements for having a Battery backup for your Voice Over Internet (VoIP) services.

No Board action taken

*****ECE FIBER**- Bill put on autopay

*****LUMEN/CENTURYLINK** – Discontinued service on 12/18/2024

Still being billed – the autopay has been discontinued

B. **MAT-U** – will be downloading new training very soon.

C. **McKINNIS & DOOM, ATTORNEYS AT LAW** – Received notice that as of 1/1/2025, they will be joining **SAPIENTIA LAW GROUP**

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. **MATIT 2025 WORKERS' COMPENSATION INVOICE & PAYROLL AUDIT**

- i) Audit is due 2/15/2025.

B. **TOWNSHIP OFFICER ELECTION**

- i) Filing period for Town Election is 12/31/2024 to 1/14/2025 til 5pm
3 Offices to be filled: One Supervisor position for 3-year term
One Supervisor position for 2-year term
One Treasurer position for 2-year term

C. **MAT 2025 DUES STATEMENTS:**

Cambridge Township = \$ 1,220.24

D. **ISANTI COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT**

2 – Parcels of property: parcel #03.042.0110 & parcel #03.051.0130.
Contact Person: Barry Wendorf, Isanti Co. Parks Director
763-689-8220

After some discussion, the Board decided to leave the parcels with the County but would like to know where the money goes if sold by the County.

Jim will check into the question.

E. **POTENTIAL COLLABORATION WITH CENTERPOINT ENERGY ON NEW NETWORKED GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM PILOT** – They ask those interested to give a response by

January 24, 2025. The Board decided that our community does not fit the mix of building and customer types they are interested to include in their pilot project.

F. **2025 BOUNDARY AND ANNEXATION SURVEY (BAS ID: 32705909388)** – The U.S. Census Bureau is now conducting this annual opportunity to review and update the legal Boundary, name, and status information the Census Bureau has for your government. The clerk will check this survey.

11. ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Bill Berg, District 2 County Commissioner, was unable to attend.
12. MAILINGS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:
- A. Lakes & Pines Community Action Council, Inc. - Survey
 - B. McKinnis & Doom, P.A. Law Office – Christmas Card
13. OFFICERS BUSINESS
- A. CLERK
 - i) “Report of Outstanding Indebtedness” was returned to the Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer’s Office
 - ii) A remittance advice for the 2024 Year End Tax Settlement was received from the Isanti Co. Auditor-Treasurer. The amount = \$5,315.76 (**Note:** the deposit will be made to our account on Monday, January 27, 2025)
 - B. TREASURER: None
 - C. SUPERVISORS None
14. REPORT OF **ISANTI COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION – JIM** – Nothing for the Township
15. REPORT OF **ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – JIM**
- 12/12/2024 agenda – Jason Peabody (Cambridge Township) – rural tourism business 33525 Jefferson St. NE (Do not pass)
 - 1/9/2025 agenda – Boebe (in Bayview Plat) – Install a septic tank and septic drain field with less than the required setback from ROW – (Tabled until February meeting)
16. REPORT OF **NORTH TH 65 CORRIDOR COALITION – MIKE**
- 12/19/2024 Meeting was cancelled – bad weather
 - Next meeting: January 30, 2025 @ 6:30pm
 - Both in-person and virtual optional
 - In-person location: Anoka County Transportation Division Facility
 - *** Due to some scheduling conflicts, they are rescheduling the next meeting to Thursday, February 20, 2025, from 6:30pm to 7:30PM
17. NOTICES:
- A. **DECEMBER 31, 2024 – JANUARY 14, 2025, til 5PM – TIME PERIOD FOR TOWN MARCH ELECTIONS CANDIDATE FILINGS**
 - B. **JANUARY 27, 2025 (MONDAY) – MAT TOWNSHIP DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2025**
10:30 – 5PM
 - C. **FEBRUARY 10, 2025 @ 7PM - NEXT CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**
18. OTHER BUSINESS:
- A. New Supervisor Mike Furlong has returned the signed DCP retirement fund application and it will need to be submitted to PERA within 60 days of his first day of employment (12/9/2024).
 - B. John Erlandson Sr. did not participate in DCP (clarification)

- C. At the February meeting the Board will need to set the Audit (2024) and proposed Budget (2026) meeting date.
Reminder: Fire dept billing – 3 yr contract (2023 – 2025)
 - 2023 = \$ 92,000+
 - 2024 = \$ 94,000+
 - 2025 = ?
- D. PICTURE – Supervisor Mike for the website

19. **MOTION MADE TO PAY THE BILLS AS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT ON JANUARY 13, 2025.**
M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / MIKE FURLONG (VOTE: 3-0) TO APPROVE

20. **MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN AT 9:00PM.**
M/S: JIM FRIDSTROM / MIKE FURLONG (VOTE: 3-0) TO ADJOURN

DARRELL VOSIKA, CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP CLERK