

Eastern Township April Meeting

May 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Michael Lage. Present were Supervisors Michael Lage, Joey Rud and Jason Moller, Clerk Sue Ellwanger, Dana Guse, Treasurer. Tim Bowman from Bowman G & G was also in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jason Moller made a motion to adopt the agenda with flexibility. Joey Rud seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

The clerk read the minutes of the April 2025 meeting. Jason Moller made a motion to approve the minutes. Joey Rud seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer Dana Guse gave the financial report.

The checking account balance on April 30, 2025: \$177,313.41. The CD's had a balance of \$237,102.04. On April 30, 2025, the township balance in the bank was \$414,415.45. Joey Rud made a motion to accept the treasurers' report as presented. Jason Moller seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

Jason Moller made a motion to pay the bills. Joey Rud seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

Date	Receipt #	Remitter	Description	Amount	
4/30/2025	182001	Midwest Bank	Checking Account Interest	\$ 60.47	
				\$ 60.47	
May 2025 Claims				.	
Check Date	Check #	Vendor Name	Description	Check Total	Claim #
5/12/2025	7036	Payroll Period Ending 05/31/202	May Payroll	\$ 345.13	
5/12/2025	7037	Payroll Period Ending 05/31/202	May Payroll	\$ 305.62	
5/12/2025	7038	Payroll Period Ending 05/31/202	May Payroll	\$ 727.56	
5/12/2025	7039	Payroll Period Ending 05/31/202	May Payroll	\$ 93.55	
5/12/2025	7040	Payroll Period Ending 05/31/202	May Payroll	\$ 287.07	
5/12/2025	7041	PERA	Monthly Contribution	\$ 161.28	375
5/12/2025	7042	Otter Tail Power Company	Electricity	\$ 33.18	374
5/12/2025	7043	MATIT	CLC Coverage	\$ 1.00	373
5/12/2025	7044	Lakes Area Blasting, LLC	Demolition of Beaver Dam	\$ 375.00	372
5/12/2025	7045	GTACCESS Database Systems	Web hosting	\$ 345.00	371
5/12/2025	7046	Bowman's Grading & Graveling	Clean culverts, blade, road inspection	\$ 2,919.00	370
5/12/2025	7047	Bowman's Grading & Graveling	Pickup and removal of trash in township road right of w	\$ 661.50	369
5/12/2025	7048	Benning Printing	Legal Notices	\$ 97.50	368
5/12/2025	7049	Arvig	Internet	\$ 94.18	367
5/12/2025	7050	Justin Mattocks	Beaver Bounty (1)	\$ 100.00	366
5/12/2025	7051	Tom Guse	Beaver Bounty (4), Pocket Gophers (23), Striped Gopher	\$ 493.00	365
5/12/2025	7052	Tim Larson	Pocket Gopher Bounty (63)	\$252.00	376
5/12/2025	7053	Wade Lyman	Beaver Bounty (2), Pocket gophers (50), Striped gopher	\$404.00	377
5/12/2025	7054	Garry Clark	Beaver Bounty (1), Pocket gophers (38), striped gopher	\$255.00	378
				\$ 7,950.57	

Prairie Community Ambulance Report

Michael Lage gave the report from the Parkers Prairie Community Ambulance. The entire report is on file with the clerk.

Spring Road Inspection

Mike Lage gave the report from the Spring Road Inspection which was held on May 4th. The entire report is filed with the clerk. Jason Moller made a motion to apply gravel to the highlighted areas on the township road map. Jowy Rud seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

Road Maintenance

Tim Bowman from Bowman G & G gave the monthly road maintenance report. They picked up garbage from the illegal dumping in the township road right of way. The culvert on 150th St. was cleaned twice in the past month. They also cleaned a culvert on 610th Avenue. Tim attended the spring township road inspection. Tim will contact Alden Just about the availability and timeframe he will apply calcium chloride to the township roads. Tim will also look into getting reclaimed asphalt mixed with class 5 gravel to apply to the west end of 150th St. to help with wash boarding on the road.

Old Business

Drone Information

Supervisor Rud did extensive research into companies that had drone services. He recommended Horizon Adventure Drone Service out of Osakis. He is a commercially licensed agricultural flyer. He is willing to work with the township to keep the fee to \$500.00 or less depending on the service. Jason Moller made a motion to hire Adventure Drone Service to fly the Spruce Creek system. Joey Rud seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

Battery Box for the Tractor.

The tractor is at Corey's welding in Eagle Bend.

New Business

Clarification of Beaver Bounty

A motion was approved in May of 2024 and at the 2025 Annual meeting that the beaver bounty is \$100.00, no matter the time of year.

Gas Barrel for Lawn Mower Gas

Supervisor Moller recommended purchasing a 100-gallon barrel with a 120-volt pump. The cost would be around \$1,300.00. Joey Rud made a motion to purchase a 100-gallon barrel with a 120-volt pump. Jason Moller seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

Smart TV for use at township meetings

Supervisor Rud mentioned it would be useful to have a smart tv with an hdmi cable to access information and video from a laptop. Jason Moller made a motion to purchase a 40-43 inch tv with a wall mount. Joey Rud seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

Review of insured property.

The supervisors reviewed our insured property and equipment. The clerk will contact MATiT with the items that can be removed from coverage.

Nuisance Properties within the Township

Supervisor Rud is going to do some research about what can be done with the nuisance properties within the township. More information will be presented at the June Board Meeting.

There being no other business brought forward to the board, Jason Moller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. No second is needed. The ~~May~~ June 2025 Board Meeting of Eastern Township adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eastern Township Chairman

Sue Ellwanger Clerk

Michael Lage, Board Chairman