

**Eastern Township August Meeting  
August 11, 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, Treasurer Dana Guse. Tim Bowman from Bowman G & G, Alan Nelson, Justin Mattocks and Tori Johnson were 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 July 2025 meeting. Jason Moller made a motion to approve the minutes, with corrections. 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 July 31, 2025: \$215,226.68. The CD's had a balance of \$239,109.86. On July 31, 2025, the township balance in the bank was \$454,336.15. Jason Moller made a motion to accept the treasurers' report as presented. Joey Rud 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.

8/11/2025	7090	Payroll Period Ending 08/11/202	August Payroll	\$ 155.72	419
8/11/2025	7091	Payroll Period Ending 08/11/202	August Payroll	\$ 375.36	418
8/11/2025	7092	Payroll Period Ending 08/11/202	August Payroll	\$ 247.58	417
8/11/2025	7093	Payroll Period Ending 08/11/202	August Payroll	\$ 332.04	416
8/11/2025	7094	Payroll Period Ending 08/11/202	August Payroll	\$ 1,284.04	415
8/11/2025	7095	Payroll Period Ending 08/11/202	August Payroll	\$ 140.35	414
8/11/2025	7096	Payroll Period Ending 08/11/202	August Payroll	\$ 166.43	413
8/11/2025	7097	PERA	Monthly Contribution	\$ 91.26	427
8/11/2025	7098	Pro Ag Coop - Henning Fuel	LP Gas	\$ 95.88	426
8/11/2025	7099	Otter Tail Power Company	Electricity	\$ 34.27	425
8/11/2025	7100	Minnesota Association of Towns	State Dues	\$ 421.28	424
8/11/2025	7101	L & M Road Services LLC	Ditch Spraying	\$ 3,962.37	423
8/11/2025	7102	Gappa Oil Co - Dick's Standard	Winch Mower Tractor from Ditch	\$ 155.00	422
8/11/2025	7103	Bowman's Grading & Graveling	Blading	\$ 2,079.00	421
8/11/2025	7104	Arvig	Internet	\$ 94.18	420
8/11/2025	7113	Victor Lundeen Co	Checks	\$ 352.02	428
8/11/2025	7105	VOID	VOID		
8/11/2025	7106	Pat Rud	3 Beavers	\$ 300.00	429
8/11/2025	7107	Evan Lenzen	7 Beavers	\$ 700.00	430
8/27/2025	7108	Creative Concrete & Masonry	Cement Slab (Down Payment)	\$ 3,275.00	431
				\$ 14,261.78	

**Prairie Community Ambulance Report**

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

### **Road Maintenance**

Tim Bowman from Bowman G & G gave the monthly road maintenance report. 1 round of blading township roads.

Joey Rud made a motion to have Tim from Bowman G & G make an inventory and order culverts needed in the future for Eastern Township to make a complete load with Parkers Prairie Township's order. Jason Moller seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

It was mentioned that edges on 625<sup>th</sup> Ave. need to be widened. There are lots of weeds/cattails encroaching on the road right of way.

On 150<sup>th</sup> St., for now, the beaver situation is taken care of, but a part of a bog has broken off and is starting to plug the culvert.

### **Weed Inspection**

Mike Lage gave the report of the second weed inspection. Seven (7) landowners were sent written notices of noxious weeds. On the follow-up inspection, most landowners have been trying to mow the weeds, with varying success on their properties. The supervisors will not do another weed inspection, as most of the remaining weeds have already gone to seed

### **Old Business**

Notice of the District 9 MN Assn. Of Townships Meeting will be held Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Cormorant community Center -Pelican Rapids

### **New Business**

#### **Housing/Property Issues on 625<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Justin Mattocks and Tori Johanson addressed the board with the condition of the properties across from their residence on 625<sup>th</sup> Ave. The properties do not have any functioning septic systems, and no running water. Garbage is being thrown out behind their camper. The dogs, 3 or more, are contained in a small outside pen, with no real shelter from the heat or the cold. 1 of the dogs wanders and kills neighbors' animals. Can anything be done to remedy this situation. The township can do the legwork to try and resolve some of these issues. Ottertail county does have an ordinance for solid waste, and each property owner does pay it on their property taxes. Jason Moller made a motion to contact Ottertail County to help resolve the issues on these properties. Mike Lage seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

#### **Long Lake Access**

Treasurer Dana Guse was contacted by a person that uses the access on Long Lake on a regular basis. They were wondering if it would be possible to put gravel/small rock in the access to the lake. They have already put a small metal bench down by the lake. Joey Rud made a motion to put a load on gravel and or pea rock in the access to Long Lake. Jason Moller seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved

#### **Road Ditch Mowing**

The next round of mowing is done later in the fall. It will be added to the upcoming agendas.

**Shop Equipment**

Joey Rud made a motion to purchase floor jacks and a winch for the shop. Jason Moller seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

**Township Hall Parking Lot**

The supervisors talked about how the parking lot at the town hall could be improved and/better handicap parking. Joey Rud made a motion to add crushed asphalt as the base for the majority of the parking lot and also add a 15-foot concrete pad for handicap parking outside of the hall. Jason Moller seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

There being no other business brought forward to the board, Jason Moller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. No second is needed. The August 2025 Board Meeting of Eastern Township adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eastern Township Chairman

Sue Ellwanger Clerk

Michael Lage, Board Chairman