DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2025

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: M Ruben, M Femling, H Sahouani, P Flock, J Strohfus
ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Troy Gilchrist (Town Law Center), Cara Geheren (Bolton & Menk)
ALSO PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order 7:00PM by Chair J Strohfus

AGENDA APPROVAL:
J Strohfus added Baseball Diamond; P Flock added 65th/Erin Glen Development
Motion M Femling/2nd P Flock to approve Amended Agenda. Voting Yes- P Flock, M Femling, M Ruben, H Sahouani, J Strohfus. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:
Clerk modified the amount of claim 12734 from 19.25 to $54.45 for Digital
Motion H Sahouani/2nd P Flock to approve Consent Agenda items which include 4/7/2025 Board Minutes, 4/8/2025 LBAE Meeting Minutes, Claims 12729-12749, EFT payments- PERA 797976, MN Tax 1334742752, Federal Tax 84215523, payroll ending 5/1/2025, and Financial Reports. Voting Yes- P Flock, H Sahouani, M Femling, M Ruben, J Strohfus. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.

HEARING DECISIONS/ZONING ACTIONS: None.

Public Comment: None.

BUSINESS ITEMS:
Right of Way Ordinance Discussion:
The Board discussed the need for a right-of-way ordinance to regulate utility companies accessing the township's public rights-of-way. They noted that while the township currently has a permitting process, there is no formal ordinance in place to support it. Consensus to direct the township attorney to draft an ordinance that would provide more control over utility access, restoration requirements and maintaining appearance.

2025 Road Projects:
M Femling provided updates on the 87th Street project close-out and the upcoming street reclaim project with Geotech work scheduled. The public hearing will be held at the June board meeting. Crack sealing is being prepared, quotes expected by June meeting. Road striping on 80th Street was addressed as well as the issue of a hidden driveway on Neal Ave between 80th and 90th Streets.

Motion M Femling/2nd H Sahouani to add a "Hill Blocks View" with advisory speed limit of 35 mph sign to Neal Ave S in problem area. Voting Yes-J Strohfus, M Femling, H Sahouani, P Flock, M Ruben. Voting No- None. Abstaining-None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.

Discussion on reaching out to the county to see if they would be interested in taking Neal Ave S over. J Strohfus stated he would reach out to his contacts.

Discussion about the importance of the budget, a current street inventory and with current estimated cost to reclaim and crack seal.

Accessory Building Size:
P Flock presented a summary of accessory structure size limits in neighboring townships, noting that Denmark Township's current limits are on the more restrictive end. The group discussed potentially increasing the maximum square footage allowed, as well as addressing other aspects like the number of structures and temporary/seasonal structures. They agreed to send this topic to the Planning Commission for further review and recommendations.

DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2025

Motion J Strohfus/2nd P Flock to forward to Planning Commission to evaluate. Voting Yes- J Strohfus, P Flock, H Sahouani, M Ruben, M Femling. Voting No-None. Abstaining-None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.

Baseball Diamond:
The group discussed a proposal to allow the Hastings baseball association to use the township's baseball diamond for practices and games. They agreed to allow this on a trial basis, with the township coordinating the scheduling and reservations to ensure it does not conflict with other community use.

65th/Erin Glen:
The Board discussed the condition of the right of way where the cul-de-sac was removed. J Strohfus stated he will follow up with engineer regarding grass/rock issues, road turnover status, remaining security and follow up with developer if needed.

The sheriff's office has been informed of the new speed limit sign.

Legal Updates:
Attorney addressed potential state legislation impact on local zoning, and the township's cannabis ordinance

New Business:
The town received complaints regarding over salting the road leading to the grass burning out which the road supervisor is addressing with the road contractor.

8:33PM **Motion P Flock/2nd M Ruben to adjourn May 2025 Board Meeting. Voting Yes- P Flock, H Sahouani, M Femling, M Ruben, J Strohfus. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.**

Jessica Maurer

_____ _____
Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer Denmark Township Chair