DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 2025

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

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order 7:06PM by Vice Chair P Flock

AGENDA APPROVAL:
M Ruben added Town Hall Park, C Geheren added Crack Seal, P Flock removed Accessory Structures
Motion M Femling/2nd P Flock to approve Amended Agenda. Voting Yes- P Flock, M Femling, M Ruben. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 3-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:
Motion M Femling/2nd P Flock to approve Consent Agenda items which include 5/5/2025 Board Minutes, Claims 12750-12763, EFT payments- PERA 801524, MN Tax 423509728, Federal Tax 21335168, payroll ending 6/1/2025, and Financial Reports. Voting Yes- P Flock, M Femling, M Ruben. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 3-0-0.

HEARING DECISIONS/ZONING ACTIONS:
Amendment to 2021 Street Reconstruction Bond Public Hearing:
The board discussed an amendment to the 2021 street reconstruction bond to add Pleasant Avenue, Penrose Avenue, and portions of Quadrant Avenue and 87th Street to the plan. This reallocation of bond funds was approved after a public hearing.

7:11PM Public Hearing Opened to the public.

No public present.

7:11PM Public Hearing Closed.

Motion M Femling/2nd M Ruben to amend the bond to include Pleasant Avenue, Penrose Avenue, and portions of Quadrant Avenue and 87th Street. Voting Yes- M Ruben, M Femling, P Flock. Voting No-None. Abstaining-None. Motion Carried. 3-0-0.

Public Comment: None.

BUSINESS ITEMS:
Major Grading-12442 70th St S:
The board approved a major grading permit for 12442 70th Street South, with conditions including proper erosion control, a construction entrance, and a final inspection. The board discussed whether there should be penalties for doing work without a permit but decided not to impose any.

Motion M Femling/2nd H Sahouani to Approve Major Grading Permit with Conditions as discussed. Voting Yes-M Femling, P Flock, M Ruben. Voting No-None. Abstaining-None. Motion Carried 3-0-0.

Washington County Attorney Magnuson:
County Attorney Kevin Magnuson provided an overview of his office's work, focusing on criminal justice issues like auto theft, carjackings, human trafficking, and the opioid crisis. He discussed trends, initiatives, and challenges faced by the county.

Ground Solar Array Size-14928 108th St S:
The board approved a ground-mounted solar array project that exceeded the 1,000 square foot threshold, finding the location and size to be appropriate.

Motion M Femling/2nd P Flock to approve ground solar array as proposed. Voting Yes-P Flock, M Femling, M Ruben. Voting No-None. Abstaining-None. Motion Carried. 3-0-0.

Leitner-13304 122nd St S Location of Building:
The board discussed and approved the location for a proposed 12,000 square foot riding arena, but deferred a decision on the size, as it may qualify as an agricultural building under the zoning code.

Motion M Femling/2nd P Flock to approve location request in front of principle structure. Voting Yes-P Flock, M Femling, M Ruben. Voting No-None. Abstaining-None. Motion Carried. 3-0-0.

2024 Financial Audit-Oberloh & Oberloh:

Motion M Ruben/2nd M Femling to approve 2024 Financial Audit. Voting Yes-P Flock, M Femling, M Ruben. Voting No-None. Abstaining-None. Motion Carried. 3-0-0.

Dust Control:
The board approved a $26,000 contract with EnviroTech for dust control on gravel roads, authorizing the chair and clerk to sign the agreement. They also discussed potentially testing a different product for a portion of the work.

Motion P Flock/2nd M Femling to approve dust control in the amount of $26,000 for EnviroTech and authorize chair and clerk to sign agreement. Voting Yes-P Flock, M Femling, M Ruben. Voting No-None. Abstaining-None. Motion Carried. 3-0-0.

.gov Discussion:
The board approved moving the township's website and email domain to a .gov extension, as required by recent state legislation.

Motion M Femling/2nd M Ruben to move to a .gov domain. Voting Yes-P Flock, M Femling, M Ruben. Voting No-None. Abstaining-None. Motion Carried. 3-0-0.

MPCA Update:
The board received an update on water quality issues in the township, including some residents testing positive for contaminants. They discussed sharing information with residents about testing and remediation options.

Town Hall Park:
The board approved a contract with TruGreen for three treatments of weed control and fertilization at the township park, at a cost of $1,725.

Motion M Ruben/2nd Flock to approve TruGreen to three treatments at $575 per treatment and authorize chair and clerk to sign agreement. Voting Yes-P Flock, M Femling, M Ruben. Voting No-None. Abstaining-None. Motion Carried. 3-0-0.

Crack Seal:
The board approved a contract with Allied Blacktop to perform crack sealing on township roads, with the final cost expected to be under the $140,000 budgeted amount.

Motion M Femling/2nd P Flock to approve Allied Blacktop to crack seal with clerk and chair to sign agreement. Voting Yes-P Flock, M Femling, M Ruben. Voting No-None. Abstaining-None. Motion Carried. 3-0-0.

New Business: None

Legal Updates:

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Attorney is preparing the Right of Way Ordinance for board to review at next month's meeting and informed that a mine application is coming.

Closed Session:
9:08 PM **Motion P Flock/2nd M Femling to close meeting for the purpose of discussion on pending Sieben litigation under the attorney-client privilege. All in Favor. Motion Carried 3-0-0.**

9:25 PM **Motion P Flock/2nd M Ruben to close the closed session and open meeting. All in Favor. Motion Carried 3-0-0.**

9:25PM **Motion P Flock/2nd M Ruben to adjourn June 2025 Board Meeting. Voting Yes- P Flock, M Femling, M Ruben. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 3-0-0.**

Jessica Maurer

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Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer Denmark Township Chair