DENMARK TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2025

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: J Strohfus, H Sahouani, M Femling, P Flock, M Ruben
ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Troy Gilchrist (Town Law Center), Kim Lindquist (WSB) via Teams
ALSO PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order 7:11PM by Chair J Strohfus

AGENDA APPROVAL:
Motion P Flock/2nd M Ruben to approve Agenda. Voting Yes- P Flock, M Femling, J Strohfus, H Sahouani, M Ruben. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:
Clerk added Claim #12824 for Mason Murphy in the amount of $36.00 for gopher bounty.
Motion M Femling/2nd H Sahouani to approve Amended Consent Agenda items which include 8/4/2025 Board Minutes, Claims 12805-12824, EFT payments- PERA 814597, MN Tax 426244576, Federal Tax 53618705, payroll ending 9/1/2025, and Financial Reports. Voting Yes- P Flock, M Femling, H Sahouani, J Strohfus, M Ruben. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.

Public Comment:
Tony Sieben, 15057 87th St S, stated concerns with the width of new road/right of way encroaching on his property and the watershed from the new road runs into his driveway/garage. Inquired about recourse for board's decision.

Mark Jenkins, Met Council, introduced himself and stated he is an advocate for water safety regarding 3M impacts. He is our community representative to Met council and would like to maintain a good partnership. J Strohfus stated he would like to see towns maintain local control not dictation.

Janis Zeller, 12421 Pt Douglas Dr S, stated concern with speeding on 127th St S, south of Holiday Station and looking for speed limit signs or speed bumps. M Femling stated working with town engineer and will look into renting the radar sign from the Sheriff's office.

HEARING DECISIONS/ZONING ACTIONS:
Gerlach Horse Boarding/Training Conditional Use Permit-11487 Oakgreen Ave S:
Planner presented the Gerlach Boarding Training Conditional Use Permit application which includes an 80x300 ft outbuilding for indoor arena, stalls, and storage as well as paddocks, outdoor arena and trails. The board discusses outstanding items like grading plans and stormwater management requirements such as NPDES permit requirements.

Motion J Strohfus/2nd P Flock to approve Resolution 2025-11 Granting a Conditional Use Permit for the Property Located at 11487 Oakgreen Ave S with the conditions stated. Voting Yes-J Storhfus, P Flock, H Sahouani, M Femling, M Ruben. Voting No-None. Abstaining-None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.

BUSINESS ITEMS:
Afton Alps-Ski Lift Replacement-Major Grading Permit:
Clark Lohr and Joy Hedding of Afton Alps present their request for a major grading permit to replace 4 ski lifts with 2 new ones which includes earthwork, tree removal and lighting/snowmaking adjustments. The new lighting will be dark sky compliant LED fixtures. The board noted it aligns with the development code and reduces impervious surfaces.

Motion P Flock/2md H Sahouani to approve Afton Alps Major Grading Permit. Voting Yes-J Storhfus, P Flock, H Sahouani, M Femling, M Ruben. Voting No-None. Abstaining-None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.

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2026 Budget Adoption:

2026	ANNUAL BUDGET	GOV'T AIDS	OTHER REVENUE	Dedicated Funds	From Savings/Fund reserves	Bond Proceeds	CERTIFIED LEVY	% BUDGET CHANGE	% LEVY CHANGE
GENERAL	214,336	967	141,177			0	72,192		
SALARIES	110,358		7,500		0	0	102,858		
ROAD & BRIDGE	891,500		35,000		650,000	0	206,500		
CAP PROJ-2021 ST	0		0		0	0	0		
DEBT GEN OBLIGATION	286,472		0		0	0	286,472		
FIRE	290,300		300		0	0	290,000		
DITCH & TRASH	25,800		0		0	0	25,800		
PARK & REC	4,600		2,794	1,806	0	0	0		
2026 TOTALS	1,823,365	967	186,771	1,806	650,000	0	983,821	-7.3%	14.1%

Motion D Johnson/2nd M Ruben to adopt 2026 budget, by fund, in the amount of $983,821 Voting Yes- M Ruben, J Strohfus, M Femling, P Flock, H Sahouani. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.

Pay 2026 Proposal Levey Certification:
Motion J Strohfus/2nd H Sahouani to certify the Pay 2026 Proposed Tax Levy in the amount of $983,821. Voting Yes- M Ruben, J Strohfus, M Femling, P Flock, H Sahouani. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

LEAGAL UPDATES: None.

7:53PM **Motion H Sahouani/2nd J Strohfus to adjourn September 2025 Board Meeting. Voting Yes- P Flock, M Femling, J Strohfus, H Sahouani, M Ruben. Voting No- None. Abstaining- None. Motion Carried 5-0-0.**

Jessica Maurer

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Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer Denmark Township Chair