

DUNN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES-APPROVED

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 7:00 PM

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Clerk Sandy Tingelstad with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called for nominations for an annual meeting moderator. David Johnson made a motion to appoint Barbara Zahasky as moderator for the meeting. Adrian Lund seconded the motion. After two more calls for additional nominations, David Johnson made a motion to cease nominations. Douglas Winter made a motion to cast a unanimous vote to appoint Barbara Zahasky as moderator for the annual meeting. Bob Zahasky seconded the motion. Motion approved.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA:

2024 Annual Meeting Minutes – The minutes were read by Clerk Sandy Tinglestad. Richard Gabe made a motion to approve the 2024 annual meeting minutes. Mary Nyquist seconded the motion. Motion approved.

2024 Annual Financial Report – Township treasurer Susan Pepelnjak presented the year ending 12/31/2024 Cash Control Statement and Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Balances (Schedule 1) for 2024. Susan called for questions from the floor. With no questions from the floor, Douglas Winter made a motion to approve the 2024 Financial Report. Motion was seconded by David Johnson. Motion approved.

2024 Road Report – Road Supervisor David Johnson presented a road report with 2024 completed road projects and 2025-2027 planned road projects. Planned projects include general road maintenance for all township roads, pave 470th St by July 31, 2025, sealcoat and stripe 470th St, and overlay watch on E Lake Lizzie Road

2024 Fire Dept Report – Town Supervisor Adrian Lund attended the annual meeting of the PR Fire Dept and gave a report of 2024 Dunn Township fire calls.

2024 PVHD Report - PVHD Representative Dave Slotten gave a 2024 PVHD financial report and a report on management, staffing, residency percentages at each facility, 147 employees, etc to the hospital district. PVHD continues to receive grants due to COVID and received a 5 star rating. A question was asked of the average PVHD levy amount compared to other rural health care districts.

2025 Ringdahl Ambulance Service Contract – Ringdahl Ambulance Service sent letter to all cities and townships re: status of Emergency Medical Services. Ringdahl is asking the jurisdictions to consider an EMS subsidy of \$14.50 per capita. With a population of 970 in Dunn Township, the 2025 subsidy would be \$14,065.

2025 Requests for Donations – There were requests from organizations for funds. Patty Johnson made a motion to forward the requests to the Town Board for a decision. Duane Seifert seconded the motion. Motion approved.

2026 Tax Levy –The 2026 Tax Levy as proposed is \$30,000 to the General Fund, \$670,000 to the Road and Bridge Fund, \$75,000 to the Fire Fund, and \$25,00 to the Ambulance Fund for a total 2026 township budget levy of \$800,000.

Other Business: 1) First Response Fire Committee – Adrian Lund gave a report on a proposed Dunn Township fire substation of the Pelican Rapids Fire Department. Mr. Lund presented pictures of the substation as it would look as attached to the Dunn Townhall and tax implications for the township property owners. There were various questions and concerns from the electorate re: training and supply of fire department volunteers and proposed conversations with PLPOA and PGOLID. Shad Hanson, fire chief for the Pelican Rapids Fire Department, answered questions re: training and qualifications of the fire volunteers. There were questions on fire response times and distances for a Dunn fire substation versus the Pelican Rapids Fire Dept.

2026 Annual Meeting Date and Location: David Johnson made a motion to set the 2026 Annual meeting for March 10, 2026, 7:00 pm, at the Dunn Township Hall. Mary Nyquist seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Adrian Lund made a motion to recess the 2025 annual meeting to Monday, September 8, 2025, 6:45pm. David Johnson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The meeting was recessed at 8:29 pm.

Reconvened Annual Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2025, 6:45pm

The reconvened annual meeting was called to order at 6:46pm by moderator, Barbara Zahasky. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The purpose of the meeting was to finalize the 2026 Tax Levy. There was discussion about possible shortfall in the township general fund. David Johnson made a motion to add \$20,000. to the general fund increasing the 2026 proposed general fund tax levy to \$50,000 and the total township tax levy to \$820,000.

David Johnson made a motion to recommend the proposed 2026 Tax Levy of \$820,000 to the Dunn Township board for approval. Adrian Lund seconded the motion. Motion approved.

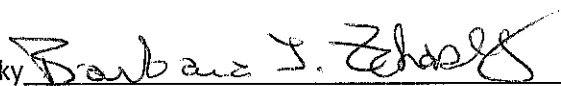
Adrian Lund made a motion to adjourn the 2025 Annual Meeting. Mary Nyquist seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The 2025 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Tingelstad, Dunn Township Clerk

Signed:

Moderator, 2025 Annual Meeting: Barbara Zahasky



Dunn Township Clerk: Sandra Tingelstad

