



Town Board Meeting; Monday, March 9, 2026

***Minutes subject to corrections/changes until approved by Town Board.**

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Kevin Timm, Supervisors Chad Morris & Daren Schieldt

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Jill Murphy & Treasurer Danny Kjos

Call to Order: Chair Timm called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notices were posted.

Minutes: Motion made by Morris/Schildt to approve minutes of the February town board mtg. **Motion** carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's February financial report was presented. Motion by Morris/Schildt to approve. **Motion** carried. The town received all back payments from the Brookview & Golden Valley mobile home parks after a letter from the clerk was sent to the owners/park manager; up to date now.

Shelby Fire Dept: Chief Holinka stated Feb. has been a slow month for calls; 26 with 4 in Greenfield; all were medical. Last yr. had 471 calls; up 11 % from 2 yrs. ago. Will give more specific info. on calls at annual mtg. With service calls continuing to rise; Holinka stated he is in talks with Shelby working on future (5 & 10 yr.) plans with the next steps for the fire dept. to proactively successfully manage the increases. Shelby Fire Dept. Chicken-Q is on Sunday, March 15. Opens at 10 am; can buy tickets there, come early, tend to sell out!! All profits pay for equipment, turnout gear, hoses, helmets, etc. Bought fire engine, boat, jaws with profits from previous yrs. Received an EMS grant of \$36,000; purchased louder stethoscopes, EKG's (making the fire dept. better equipped as they are often on the scenes before ambulances arrive) and high angle rescue equipment. A 2025 grant gives new hires from 2024 and up free gear; initiated by the State Fire Chief's Association in effort to recruit more people. Staffing levels are good for now. Holinka gave a thank you to Daren Schieldt for his 25 yrs. of service; Schieldt retired last month.

Summarization of the Brookview mobile home park safety concerns: Stephanie Mikkelson, resident of the park, spoke regarding many safety issues at this park and the Golden Valley park as well, along with unavailability of park manager/park owners to rectify existing problems. Packets of gathered information gathered by Mikkelson were handed out to the board. Packets include a page titled "Resident Report: Infrastructure Failure & Regulatory Non- Compliance; citing complaints, letter stating reason for speaking before the board including some of the issues stated below, pictures, emails with various agencies, and a letter from the park attorney. This is a summary of some of the issues that were stated by Mikkelson. Town was alerted on 2/27 to what Mikkelson had stated was a public health and safety concern issue relating to the burned-out remnants/trailer structure that hadn't been removed since the fire from 6 months previously. Mikkelson notified the county regarding the situation and was told several days later that the park manager stated to the county that the structure had not been removed due to the on-going fire investigation. Mikkelson contacted the sheriff's dept. and Shelby fire dept. and was told that the investigation had already been completed. On 3/8; it was noted that the remnants/structure was being removed but Mikkelson stated on 3/9 to the clerk that metal objects (nails)/small debris still remain. Mikkelson went on to state other issues within the park. A water main break on her property on 3/8 created feet of water; was unable to get ahold of the park manager and ended up calling the fire dept. to assist. Leak has not been repaired as of this mtg. but left with a vise grip on the pipe by the fire dept. Talked about the gas smell in trailers coming from the septic system; stated sink hole repairs were performed but doesn't know if it has been adequately fixed; smell is on-going. Mikkelson along with fellow resident Terry Mun brought up the issue of the eroding creek banks on to which Mun's trailers and others reside. The town was alerted to this particular issue at the Sept. 25 town board mtg. Timm has been gathering info. on since; stated DNR will have to be a part of this solution

seeing that this creek feeds into a trout stream. Clerk has written up a letter to send to the park manager/owners regarding this problem. Mikkelson talked about an electrical pedestal causing a power surge, melted the cables, being so damaged that an electric technician stated it could cause a fire at any moment. Mikkelson stated that electric company said there were 4 others pedestals in the same condition. Chief Holinka stated that he has seen the electrical problems but does not do inspections on private lands. According to Mikkelson and the lease agreement/contract (which she herself has never signed as she states all the verbiage is illegal), the park is only responsible for anything underground. Mikkelson will get a copy of the lease/contract to the clerk. Mikkelson stated all park models are resident owned, but she has not been able to attain her owner's title certificate. Stated they are other trailers on the property that have been sitting empty and haven't been removed. Stated that updated work is being done on trailers without the proper permits. Mikkelson stated that rents have gone up to \$500/monthly; stated the owners are only in it for the money. With only a small percentage of the issues being addressed at the last second, the number of outstanding issues, and not being able to contact or get responses from the park manager/owners, Mikkelson is asking for the town not issue the park's permit until these summarized issues stated here and the others stated in the handed-out report, are addressed and fixed properly. The park's permit is usually approved at the May town board mtg. and starts on June 1st of each yr. Mikkelson stated that for many of the residents these are not just "units"-they are our life savings and our only homes. Mikkelson's goal for the future of the trailer park would be for them to become a Resident Owned-Cooperative and fix all that is wrong with the parks. Board will call Vernon Electric and inquire on the electrical boxes, county health dept. to inquire on the septic system, send the letter regarding the creek banks. An option would be to contact the town attorney to get more information regard legalities of both mobile home park/renter's rights.

Reported Pet Nuisance Complaints (Roaming/At-Large Dogs): Clerk received a complaint about a couple of consistently unleashed dogs roaming around the village. Schieldt also noted complaint on Ridge Facebook networking page. Schieldt stated although there is a town ordinance, town does not have enforcement/ticketing ability for this issue. Stated if a resident has a complaint, to please call the Sheriff's Dept./Animal Control/Humane Society; utilize these services as they are paid for with our taxes.

Roads & Equipment: Murphy stated Barb Braun was inquiring about the plan for the Kloss Addition rd. as it is in rough shape. Timm stated this rd. is not on the list for rd. work this yr.; there are rds. in worse shape that need to get done 1st. Rd. work is based on cost and budget. Kloss addition rd. will probably be on the 2-3 yr. plan.

***Citizen Concerns:** Nancy Kroner thanked the town board for the use of the town hall for the Strong Seniors exercise classes; average 25 people per class. Also stated the Blood Drive will be on May 4, 1-6 pm. Ron Clark thanked board for cleaning up the rd. sand near his property. Timm stated board is getting bids for equipment including a brush attachment for the skid steer for future sand clean up. John Kammel, town hall custodian, asked about parking lot lights bid. Timm stated he has received 2nd bid for main and back building lights, still waiting for parking lights bid.

Motion made by Morris/Schildt to adjourn. **Motion** carried. Adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Murphy, Town Clerk