



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HELGA TOWNSHIP 25895 Co 9 BEMIDJI, MN
July 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors: Kip Reinarz, Joanna Olson-Hammerstrom, Keith Kinnen, Harrison Hicks, Jeanie Porter, Clerk: Kathy Skinner, Treasurer: Alicia Mueller, Property Manager: Becky Reinarz; Planning and Zoning Commission: Chris Heck,

Absent: Planning and Zoning: Kurt Fenner; Dana Gellately

Guests: Dave Kahlstorf, Tony Petrie, Leo Soukup, Ruth Soukup, Michelle Brielmaier, Terry Wenninger, Lee Malterud, Mike Jones, Krystal Zigmund, Derik Zigmund, Lane Young, Sarah Young, Bruce VonHoldt, Joan Lueth, Kristie North, Dave Kahlstorf, Dirk Fisher, Clint Mueller, Scott Kurtzweg, Mike Karvakko, Sarah Karvakko

CONSENT AGENDA

Kip Reinarz called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Review and Approve Regular Minutes from June 23, 2026; CUP minutes from 6/23/2026.

Motion: Kip Reinarz made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and the CUP meeting minutes from 6/23/2026. Harrison Hicks seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Claims list for approval-Check #12096, 12098, 12100, 12102, 12104, 12106, 12108, 12110, 12112, 12114, 12116, 12118, 12120, 12122, 12124, 12126, 12128, 12143, and 12144 ; Payroll # 12130-12142

Motion: Kip Reinarz made a motion to approve the claims list Check #12096, 12098, 12100, 12102, 12104, 12106, 12108, 12110, 12112, 12114, 12116, 12118, 12120, 12122, 12124, 12126, 12128, 12143, and 12144 ; Payroll # 12130-12142. Harrison Hicks seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report June 30, 2026

Total Assets: \$384,497.46

35% of budget spent

Motion: Kip Reinarz made a motion to approve the treasurer's report from 06/30/2026. Jeanie Porter seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Land Use Report

- Solar panels -clarification of setbacks. Setbacks do apply to solar panels
- 21 permits to date
- Letters to land owners about signs on 71 ready to send out.

Town Hall Report

- Primary August 11, 2026
- Grant Application Submitted-find out in December

Fire Report



Fire budget is on track.

New engine purchase pushed back a year

Road Report

- 219th Update: bids for paving, cost to return to gravel

Public comment about condition of 219th, Vinewood Road, Vinewood Trail, 510th.

Concerns: Increase truck traffic, increase in traffic rate, dust, increase vehicle weight

How to get a vehicle count and weight of vehicle data?

Question about the stop signs requested for Vinewood road and Vinewood Trail intersection. Will follow up.

- Gravel done on corners of 470th and Skyline Work Completed on 7/2/26 **Final cost: \$1597.01**
- Tank installed in grader building. Installed 7/3/2026 **Final cost : \$5100.00**

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion

Security Bank

Scott Kurtzweg will set up a meeting with Tiffany to discuss options for public(township) money to be invested.

Action Items

Exterior Window Paint Bid

More information is needed before a vote can happen.

Billboards along 71-letters need approval

Board approved letters. They will be sent to land owners.

Plow/Sand Truck

On hold for now

Cemetery Fencing

Motion:Kip Reinarz made a motion to purchase fence materials from Menards for less than \$750.00. Labor to install the fence sections will be donated.Seconded by Keith Kinnen. Motion passed unanimously.

Federal Mileage Increase July 1st to \$.76



Adjourn Meeting

Motion: Harrison Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, Jeanie Porter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Meeting August 25, 2026, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

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Kathy Skinner, Clerk

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Kip Reinarz, Chairman