

AGENDA
GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2026 – 8:15 PM

1. Clerk Debby Spicer called the meeting to order.
2. Nominations for Moderator. Election of Moderator.
Moved by P. Thompson, supported by M. Intihar to nominate Mike Ralston as the moderator. No further nominations were received. Motion carried.
3. Moved by P. Skubic, supported by C. Gilbert to accept the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.
4. Moved by C. DeLuca, supported by M. Intihar to dispense with reading of minutes from 3/11/25 Annual Meeting and approve same. Motion carried.
5. Clerk Debby Spicer read the Board of Audit Report and stated sets of financial books for the Township Clerk and Township Treasurer matched for the year 2025.
6. Supervisor Paul Skubic, Road Supervisor, gave an update the Township Road 4136. A new contactor was hired to plow the township road for the winter and things are going well. The township had repaired potholes and cut brush in 2025. Potholes will be addressed again in 2026.
7. Supervisor Craig Gilbert, Building/Maintenance Supervisor, gave an update on the building and maintenance issues. Several issues with the four furnaces have been identified. An estimated cost of \$50,000 has been determined for the potential replacement and servicing of the furnaces. A request has been submitted to the IRRRB to include funds in the current grant application for the replacement of some furnaces, as parts are not available. Other issues include replacement of windows, sanding and painting of siding, renovations to the current kitchen. The roof was replaced in 2025.
8. Presentation on Sprint Medic Program.
Erik Jonassen, Virginia Fire Department, Deputy Fire Chief, gave a presentation on the Sprint Medic Program. The Sprint Medic Program officially began on January 19, 2026. The program assists the BLS services to two areas. The east area includes Tower. The west area includes Cook, Orr and Nett Lake. State funding is available until June 30, 2027, or until funding runs out. Current hours for the Sprint Medics is Monday through Friday, 8 AM until 8 PM. As of March 16,, 2026, hours will change to 8 AM until 6:30 PM. Expectations for the program have been exceed in the first 30 days.

9. Fire Chief Brian Trancheff provided a report for the Greenwood Fire Department. Chief Trancheff reviewed a proposed capital replacement plan.
Engine #1 (24 years old). Recommended adding extrication to the vehicle. Estimated replacement cost of \$900,000 - \$1.2 M. Delivery is 2-4 years out.
Rescue 5. Recommended phasing out and replacing with a ¾ ton truck to use for wildland fires in the summer and light rescue in the winter. Estimated cost of \$100,000-\$120,000. Another option is to replace with a Type 3 or 4 wildland vehicle, at an estimated cost of \$250,000-\$300,000. (2-3 year build time period).
Tender #2 (1992 vehicle). Replace with a bare bones simple tender, with a 2,000 gallon tank. Estimated cost of \$200,000.
Tender #3 – 2008 pumping tender. Recommended rebuilding a similar truck with a 2,000 gallon water tank. Estimated cost of \$800,000-\$900,000.
SCBA tanks – Under OSHA requirements, these must be replaced in 2029, at a current replacement cost of \$150,000.
Boat #1 – no interest in replacing. Could refit the engine and pump system.
Boat #2 – Due for a refit.
Boat #3 – Serves the township well.
Snowmobile #1 – Needs replacement thin next 2 years (estimated cost of \$18,000-\$20,000)
Snowmobile #2 – Should be replaced in 4-5 years. (estimated cost of \$18,000-\$20,000)
10. Set date for Next Annual Meeting. MOTION: Tuesday, March 9, 2027, 8:15 PM
Moved by P. Skubic, supported by C. Gilbert to set the next Annual Meeting at 8:15 PM on Tuesday, March 9, 2027. Motion carried.
11. Citizen's Comments.
 - a. Kitchen renovations.
David Farley, citizen, stated a Kitchen Committee was formed to review options for renovating the kitchen at the town hall. The committee felt it is necessary to provide a safe, user-friendly kitchen that includes drinking water and a freezer. A binder was developed with all the information that was obtained by the committee members. A poll was taken of the residents that were present on the interest in renovating the kitchen and a majority of the residents were in favor. Mr. Farley recommended that a second kitchen committee be formed to continue discussions on the kitchen renovations.
Moved by C. DeLuca, supported by M. Intihar to request the Board to set aside \$40,000 in 2027 to use in renovating the town hall kitchen. Motion carried by a majority.
 - b. Walking trail.
Supervisor Lois Roskoski reported that an IRRRB grant was awarded to Greenwood, in the amount of \$49,500, to resurface the walking trail. The grant will require matching funds from Greenwood Township. The project must be done within one year from the award of the grant.
 - c. Moving township election to Fall election cycle.

Paul Thompson recommended that the residents consider moving the township election from March to November. The change would require a vote by the residents in the March 2027 election. It was noted that the supervisor terms would change to four-year terms and some terms would be increased

Moved by J. Lepper, supported by P. Thompson to request the board to take action on moving the township election to the November cycle, and place the question on the March 2027 ballot. Motion carried by a majority.

d. Public water source.

Supervisor Craig Gilbert noted the issues with arsenic in the public water source. The township changed the media in the Brassmaster system in 2026, at a cost of \$2,400. After changing the media, the arsenic levels were within the normal levels for 3 months. He noted the township could try using a carbon filter to reduce the arsenic, at a monthly cost of \$240, but the media would need to be changed again. Discussion was held, including posting the public water source as "Non-potable, Unsafe to Drink", or shutting down the outside faucet to the public. The board will continue discussions on this issue.

Other.

Moved by M. Intihar, supported by C. DeLuca to request the board to fly the former Minnesota flag at the Town Hall. Motion carried by a majority.

12. 2027 Budget Presentation/Levy Approval.

Treasurer Jill Clark was available by phone and presented the proposed 2027 budget and \$600,000 levy. It was noted that \$200,000 in 2026 was set aside in a dedicated fund to replace fire vehicles. A lengthy discussion followed by the residents. It was proposed that the levy be increased to \$800,000, with an additional \$100,000 be set aside in a dedicated fund to replace fire vehicles (total of \$300,000), \$40,000 for kitchen renovations, \$26,000 to replace the walking trail funds, and an additional \$34,000 to be used for other repairs, including the issues raised with the building.

Moved by S. Zaudtke, supported by C. Lepper to set the 2027 levy at \$800,000. Motion carried by a majority.

13. Results of the Township Election.

Clerk Debby Spicer read the election results. 102 people voted in person, with 28 absentee votes received. Paul Skubic and Paul Thompson were elected to the supervisor positions for a three-year term ending March, 2029.

14. MOTION to adjourn.

Moved by M. Indihar, supported by H. Ankrum to adjourn at 10:47 PM. Motion carried.