

**Turtle Lake Township Regular Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2025, 19143 Lake Julia Dr. NW Bemidji, MN**

The regular meeting of the governing body of Turtle Lake Township, Beltrami County MN was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Michelle Anderson. Also in attendance are Vice Chair Kenneth McBride, Supervisors Corey Wright, Mark Haugen, Road Supervisor/Zoning Administrator Kelly Booge and Clerk Lynn Johnson. Supervisor Sovde and Treasurer Malterud were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Public Attendees

Wade Thoring and Kristy Roberts.

Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Supervisor Haugen, Second by Supervisor Wright. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2024

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 2, 2024 by Chair Anderson, second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve January 6, 2025 Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve treasurer's report of January 6, 2025 by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Wright. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve and Sign Claims and Payroll

Motion to approve claims and payroll by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

General Road/Zoning Update

Road Supervisor Booge reported that the town roads are glare ice, just like everywhere else. Thoring's has spread salt and sand and also used a scarifier blade to roughen up the road surfaces. Not much we can do about ice.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Establishing Absentee Ballot Board

Chair Anderson motioned to approve a resolution establishing an absentee ballot board, second by Supervisor Wright. Motion carried 4-0.

MAT Annual Conference

Vice Chair McBride and Supervisor Haugen both attended the annual MAT conference. Some good information was shared at the breakout sessions but both felt that a better description of the topics being covered would have been beneficial for making their decision on which to sessions to attend. They also expressed that it was not well organized and were disappointed that evaluation sheets were not passed out to the participants.

RFA Meeting

Vice Chair McBride attended the special RFA meeting on December 16th. One attendee stated that because of a lack of resolutions appointing representatives from LGU's the Association cannot conduct business. A motion was passed to accept the current attendees as representatives so business can continue. The contract with the City of Bemidji was approved, and the bylaws were approved.

Resolution Appointing RFA Representative

Clerk presented resolution 12022024-2 designating Vice Chair McBride as the township representative and Supervisor Haugen as substitute representative. Discussion concerning the limiting of voting to just two board members was had. Motion by Chair Anderson to modify the resolution to include all supervisors to be able to represent the town if both the designated and the substitute representatives are unable to attend. Second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 4-0. Clerk will amend the resolution and bring to the February meeting.


Set Date for the Board of Audit Meeting

Chair Anderson motioned to set the date for the BOA meeting to February 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Vice Chair McBride, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of these Minutes from the January 6, 2025 Regular Township Meeting

Approved  Date 2/3/25
