REGULAR MEETING

**May 8, 2025**

**Aurora, Minnesota**

***The Regular Meeting of the Town of White was called to order by Chairman Jon Skelton at 5:00 P.M., on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at the City/Town Government Center.***

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Supervisors-Anttila, Skelton, Kippley; Clerk-Knaus, Treasurer Gross; Foreman-Niemi; Attorney – Kearney

Absent:

Also Present: Tim Saarberg, Doris Saarberg, Mark Goerdt

**1. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDED TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES ON APRIL 3, 2025, SPECIAL MEETING ON APRIL 28, 2025 AND LBAE ON APRIL 9, 2025; ALL BILLS AND PAYROLL AS PRESENTED BELOW, COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE TO BE FILED FOR APRIL 2025. MOTION CARRIED**

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| **Check#** | **Vendor** | **Description** | **Total** |
| CC04-02-25 | Cardmember Service | Postage, Supplies | $ 974.28 |
| D04-02-25 | Empower | Employee Deductions 4/02/25 | $ 400.00 |
| DD04022501 | Payroll Period Ending 03/29/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 3/29/25 | $ 1,501.09 |
| DD04022502 | Payroll Period Ending 03/29/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 3/29/25 | $ 588.07 |
| DD04022503 | Payroll Period Ending 03/29/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 3/29/25 | $ 73.88 |
| DD04022504 | Payroll Period Ending 03/29/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 3/29/25 | $ 2,725.71 |
| DD04022505 | Payroll Period Ending 03/29/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 3/29/25 | $ 1,903.28 |
| DD04022506 | Payroll Period Ending 03/29/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 3/29/25 | $ 1,893.61 |
| DD04022507 | Payroll Period Ending 03/29/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 3/29/25 | $ 2,006.34 |
| DD04022508 | Payroll Period Ending 03/29/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 3/29/25 | $ 2,546.84 |
| DD04022509 | Payroll Period Ending 03/29/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 3/29/25 | $ 2,166.32 |
| DD04022510 | Payroll Period Ending 03/29/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 3/29/25 | $ 1,447.11 |
| DD04022511 | Payroll Period Ending 03/29/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 3/29/25 | $ 2,007.16 |
| F04-02-25 | E.F.T.P.S. | Payroll Deductions PPE 4/2/25 | $ 6,432.70 |
| M04-02-25 | MN Department of Revenue | Employee Deductions 4/02/25 | $ 1,250.66 |
| P04-02-25 | P.E.R.A. | PPE 4/02/25 Deductions | $ 3,702.38 |
| D04-16-25 | Empower | Employee Deductions 4/16/25 | $ 400.00 |
| DD04162501 | Payroll Period Ending 04/12/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 4/12/25 | $ 1,485.09 |
| DD04162502 | Payroll Period Ending 04/12/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 4/12/25 | $ 2,367.58 |
| DD04162503 | Payroll Period Ending 04/12/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 4/12/25 | $ 1,903.28 |
| DD04162504 | Payroll Period Ending 04/12/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 4/12/25 | $ 1,893.61 |
| DD04162505 | Payroll Period Ending 04/12/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 4/12/25 | $ 2,006.34 |
| DD04162506 | Payroll Period Ending 04/12/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 4/12/25 | $ 2,188.95 |
| DD04162507 | Payroll Period Ending 04/12/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 4/12/25 | $ 2,229.40 |
| DD04162508 | Payroll Period Ending 04/12/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 4/12/25 | $ 1,447.11 |
| DD04162509 | Payroll Period Ending 04/12/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 4/12/25 | $ 1,914.41 |
| F04-16-25 | E.F.T.P.S. | Payroll Deductions PPE 4/16/25 | $ 6,019.85 |
| M04-16-25 | MN Department of Revenue | Employee Deductions 4/16/25 | $ 1,166.83 |
| P04-16-25 | P.E.R.A. | PPE 4/16/25 Deductions | $ 3,581.98 |
| 36021 | East Mesabi Sanitation | Refuse Collection MAR 2025 | $ 12,072.46 |
| 36022 | Zito Media | Fire Hall & PW Telephone & Internet | $ 412.70 |
| DD04222501 | Payroll Period Ending 02/27/2025 | Fire Department February 2025 Monthly Payroll | $ 132.97 |
| DD04222502 | Payroll Period Ending 02/27/2025 | Fire Department February 2025 Monthly Payroll | $ 308.39 |
| DD04222503 | Payroll Period Ending 02/27/2025 | Fire Department February 2025 Monthly Payroll | $ 103.40 |
| DD04222504 | Payroll Period Ending 02/27/2025 | Fire Department February 2025 Monthly Payroll | $ 54.13 |
| DD04222505 | Payroll Period Ending 02/27/2025 | Fire Department February 2025 Monthly Payroll | $ 73.84 |
| DD04222506 | Payroll Period Ending 02/27/2025 | Fire Department February 2025 Monthly Payroll | $ 261.08 |
| DD04222507 | Payroll Period Ending 02/27/2025 | Fire Department February 2025 Monthly Payroll | $ 14.71 |
| DD04222508 | Payroll Period Ending 02/27/2025 | Fire Department February 2025 Monthly Payroll | $ 172.39 |
| DD04222509 | Payroll Period Ending 02/27/2025 | Fire Department February 2025 Monthly Payroll | $ 16.68 |
| DD04222510 | Payroll Period Ending 02/27/2025 | Fire Department February 2025 Monthly Payroll | $ 58.07 |
| DD04222511 | Payroll Period Ending 02/27/2025 | Fire Department February 2025 Monthly Payroll | $ 438.47 |
| DD04222512 | Payroll Period Ending 02/27/2025 | Fire Department February 2025 Monthly Payroll | $ 14.71 |
| DD04222513 | Payroll Period Ending 02/27/2025 | Fire Department February 2025 Monthly Payroll | $ 34.42 |
| FD04-22-25 | E.F.T.P.S. FD | Withholding Tax | $ 51.48 |
| ST04-23-25 | MN Dept of Revenue - Sales Tax | Sales Tax - MAR 2025 | $ 1,720.00 |
| U04-23-25 | Department of Employment & Economic | Unemployment Benefits Paid #7990625 | $ 833.30 |
| DD04292501 | Payroll Period Ending 04/29/2025 | Monthly Payroll April 2025 | $ 523.72 |
| DD04292502 | Payroll Period Ending 04/29/2025 | Monthly Payroll April 2025 | $ 257.55 |
| DD04292503 | Payroll Period Ending 04/29/2025 | Monthly Payroll April 2025 | $ 518.49 |
| DD04292504 | Payroll Period Ending 04/29/2025 | Monthly Payroll April 2025 | $ 386.32 |
| DD04292505 | Payroll Period Ending 04/29/2025 | Monthly Payroll April 2025 | $ 556.62 |
| F04-29-25 | E.F.T.P.S. Monthly | Employee Deductions | $ 241.62 |
| M04-29-25 | MN Department of Revenue Monthly | Employee Withholding | $ 63.47 |
| P04-29-25 | P.E.R.A. Monthly | Retirement Deductions | $ 290.50 |
| 36023 | CTC | Town Office Phone APR 2025 | $ 226.28 |
| 36024 | Aurora, City of | Elevator Inspection & Light Bulbs | $ 1,152.07 |
| 36025 | Aurora Auto Value | Parts | $ 307.27 |
| 36026 | Advantage Systems Group | Annual Fee Twin Lakes Security | $ 582.00 |
| 36027 | MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension | Katherine Bandle Background Check | $ 15.00 |
| 36028 | Colosimo, Patchin, & Kearney, LTD | Legal Retainer | $ 465.00 |
| 36029 | Central Pension Fund | Retirement Contributions APR 25 | $ 6,264.00 |
| 36030 | Como Oil & Propane | LLCC Propane Inv 1517212786 & 1517392923 | $ 2,071.37 |
| 36031 | A1 Services, Inc. | Pumping Holding Tank | $ 240.00 |
| 36032 | Excel Business Systems | Copier Contract | $ 179.59 |
| 36033 | Eveleth Floral Co. & Greenhouse | Hinsz Memorial | $ 60.00 |
| 36034 | East Range Times | Advertising | $ 610.50 |
| 36035 | Edwards Oil | Lens Cleaners & Gloves | $ 233.98 |
| 36036 | Hoyt Lakes, City of | Ambulance Agreement APR 2025 | $ 1,200.00 |
| 36037 | Hogentogler & Co Inc | Printer for Salt Tester | $ 1,288.89 |
| 36038 | H & L Mesabi | Plow Blades | $ 5,400.00 |
| 36039 | IIMC | Membership Dues through 6/30/26 | $ 220.00 |
| 36040 | I.U.O.E. Local 49 Fringe Benefits | June 2025 Group Insurance | $ 14,085.00 |
| 36041 | Lehtinen Machine | Snowplow Cylinder Repair | $ 50.00 |
| 36042 | Lakehead Constructors, Inc. | Fire Hall Labor & Materials | $ 48,678.66 |
| 36043 | Lake Country Power | APR Electric Service | $ 3,452.00 |
| 36044 | Little Falls Machine, Inc. | Truck #6 Parts #00134449 | $ 1,165.59 |
| 36045 | Linde Gas & Equipment Inc. | Welding Supplies/Services | $ 274.14 |
| 36046 | League of MN Cities | 2025 Annual Conference | $ 550.00 |
| 36047 | Lawson Products | Shop Supplies #9312442252 | $ 567.42 |
| 36048 | L & M Fleet Supply, Inc. | Furnace Filters, Garbage Can & Boat landing, Fuel | $ 110.72 |
| 36049 | Knaus, Jodi | Clothing Allowance 2025 | $ 95.00 |
| 36050 | Minnesota Power | Street Lighting | $ 230.29 |
| 36051 | Minnesota Power | Lift Station | $ 27.93 |
| 36052 | Minnesota Power | Lift Station | $ 113.21 |
| 36053 | Austin's Miller's Roofing & Siding | Rot & Reframing Payment | $ 6,280.00 |
| 36054 | Mesabi East Schools ISD 2711 | Recreation Agreement | $ 13,905.00 |
| 36055 | Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc | LTD/STD MAY 2025 | $ 364.68 |
| 36056 | Mesabi Sign Company | Lettering for Grader | $ 72.40 |
| 36057 | McCoy Construction & Forestry Inc. | 2024 Grader Repairs | $ 513.33 |
| 36058 | Manick Docks & Recreation | Dock Legs | $ 467.00 |
| 36059 | Menard's-Virginia | Supplies | $ 377.70 |
| 36060 | Samuel Nelson | Clothing Allowance | $ 190.49 |
| 36061 | Northern Engine & Supply, Inc. | Grader 2024 | $ 40.90 |
| 36062 | Northspan Groups | IREA Dues | $ 75.00 |
| 36063 | Northland Small Engine | Briggs Pump Engine Repair of Throttle | $ 249.25 |
| 36064 | PeopleService Inc. | May 25 W/WW Professional Services | $ 735.00 |
| 36065 | Polansky, Roxane | Travel Expenses | $ 190.56 |
| 36066 | Range Paper | PW Garage Supplies, LLCC | $ 454.42 |
| 36067 | RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc | Water Testing | $ 62.70 |
| 36068 | Seppi Brothers Concrete Products Co | Concrete Blocks | $ 1,918.35 |
| 36069 | St. Louis County Auditor | 2025 Plat Book | $ 40.00 |
| 36070 | St. Louis County Auditor-PW | March 2025 Fuel | $ 2,049.53 |
| 36071 | Taconite Tire | Tires for Mower Trailer | $ 261.04 |
| 36072 | VC3 | April 2025 Contract | $ 42.50 |
| 36073 | Acuity Specialty Products, Inc. | Supplies | $ 338.87 |
| 36074 | Amanda Gross | Travel Expenses & Cell Phone | $ 173.40 |
| 36075 | Knaus, Jodi | Cell Phone | $ 50.00 |
| 36076 | Niemi, Clark | Cell Phone | $ 50.00 |
| 36077 | MN Department of Natural Resources | Boat Landing & Dock Lease 10 yrs | $ 610.00 |
| 36078 | XZ7617518 | Health Care Medical Reimbursement | $ 90.60 |
| 36079 | XZ3772001 | HCSP Reimbursement | $ 926.18 |
| 36080 | League of MN Cities Insurance Trust | Property, Auto, & Liability Insurance | $ 43,844.00 |
| 36081 | St. Louis County Auditor-PW | 2024 Crushing Contract | $ 83,580.00 |
| 63432 | Colonial Life | APR 24 Employee Deductions | $ 806.13 |
| 63433 | I.U.O.E. Local 49 | Union Dues APR 2025 | $ 315.00 |
| 63434 | MN NCPERS | Life Insurance Employee Paid | $ 32.00 |
| 63435 | Minnesota Life Insurance Company | Employee/Employer Insurance | $ 202.30 |
| D04-30-25 | Empower | Employee Deductions 4/30/25 | $ 450.00 |
| DD04302501 | Payroll Period Ending 04/26/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 04/26/25 | $ 1,466.09 |
| DD04302502 | Payroll Period Ending 04/26/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 04/26/25 | $ 2,502.09 |
| DD04302503 | Payroll Period Ending 04/26/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 04/26/25 | $ 1,868.28 |
| DD04302504 | Payroll Period Ending 04/26/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 04/26/25 | $ 1,870.96 |
| DD04302505 | Payroll Period Ending 04/26/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 04/26/25 | $ 1,971.34 |
| DD04302506 | Payroll Period Ending 04/26/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 04/26/25 | $ 2,313.02 |
| DD04302507 | Payroll Period Ending 04/26/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 04/26/25 | $ 2,080.71 |
| DD04302508 | Payroll Period Ending 04/26/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 04/26/25 | $ 1,412.11 |
| DD04302509 | Payroll Period Ending 04/26/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 04/26/25 | $ 1,817.58 |
| F04-30-25 | E.F.T.P.S. | Payroll Deductions PPE 4/30/25 | $ 6,025.26 |
| M04-30-25 | MN Department of Revenue | Employee Deductions 4/30/25 | $ 1,170.02 |
| P04-30-25 | P.E.R.A. | PPE 4/30/25 Deductions | $ 3,588.99 |
|  |  | **TOTAL** | **$ 357,596.04** |

**2. THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025, LISTED RECEIPTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $60,864.96:**

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| 1ST Qtr Capital Charges – City of Aurora  FEMA Disaster Relief  Garbage Bag Revenue  Refuse Revenue  LLCC Rental Fees  Cemetery Lot Sale  Open Gym Fees | 3,438.07  45,905.87  1,945.00  625.93  1,620.00  2,000.00  100.00 |
| Interest Earned | 5,230.09 |
| **TOTAL** | **$60,864.96** |

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025 RECEIPTS AS READ. MOTION CARRIED**

**3. CITIZENS/GUESTS**:

* Mark Goerdt – Reviewed the summer recreation program for the Township and discussed the lack of lifeguard applications received in past years. His suggestion is to hire one lifeguard and one playground attendant who is CPR certified but under the age of 16. The playground attendant would be able to be promoted to lifeguard once they reach 16 years of age. Thirteen students are enrolled in the lifeguard class now aged 15. Volunteers are needed for concessions. Supervisor Anttila offerred to host a coaching camp at LLCC.

**IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY SKELTON APPROVING MESABI EAST SCHOOLS HIRE ONE LIFEGUARD FOR TWIN LAKES BEACH AND ONE PLAYGROUND ATTENDANT WHO IS CPR CERTIFIED TO HELP MONITOR THE RECREATION AREA. MOTION CARRIED**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

4.1 Timber Harvest Sale – down payment was received. Land will be cleared in the next year.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

4.2 Fire Hall – Lakehead invoice was reviewed for professional services. Building will need to be deconstructed and/or demolished. Kippley feels our Public Works department should do this work and save the Township money. Skelton is open to looking at other vendors provided it doesn’t cost the Township money in lieu of them taking the materials for provding the services and feels our staff have other work to do also. There is copper, tin, and other valuables in the building that could be sold or saved to use in another building. Niemi indicated there are utilities that need to be disconnected prior to the building coming down and this is a big project in which the Township doesn’t have all the equipment needed to do the job. The well is hooked to both buildings. The power to the electronic sign also needs to be moved.

**IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY SKELTON APPROVING PAYMENT OF $48,678.66 TO LAKEHEAD CONSTRUCTION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AT THE FIRE HALL. MOTION CARRIED**

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA DIRECTING FOREMAN NIEMI TO PROVIDE A LIST OF ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE COMPLETED AND REMOVED FROM THE FIRE HALL PRIOR TO DEMOLITION AND DIRECTED THE OFFICE STAFF TO CONTACT VENDORS TO SEE IF THEY WOULD PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF DECONSTRUCTION AND/OR DEMOLITION OF THE FIRE HALL AND PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE FOR THOSE SERVICES. AYES 2, NAYES 1 (KIPPLEY) MOTION CARRIED**

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO CONTACT IRRR AND SEE IF THERE IS FUNDING TO CONDUCT A FEASABILITY STUDY FOR A SHARED FIRE HALL FACILITY WITH OTHER ENTITIES AND WHAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT ONCE THE DECISIONS ARE MADE OF LOCATION, TYPE, AND SIZE OF FIRE HALL. MOTION CARRIED**

4.3 Joint Water Project - Project is moving along nicely. Niemi met with Bolton & Menk and reviewed the punch list which needs to be completed by 6/30/2025.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

4.4 LLCC Deed/Legal – Kearney indicated deeds are filed with St. Louis County.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

4.5 MNDOT AT Grant – Grant denial letter was reviewed. Will be removed from the agenda.

4.6 LLCC Facility – New Open Gym Policy and Guidelines were reviewed as preseted.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APRROVING THE NEW RATES AND GUIDELINES FOR OPEN GYM & RECREATION AT LOON LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER. MOTION CARRIED**

4.7 2023 Curve Realignments – No new updates.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

4.8 Ehler’s Long-Range Planning Financial Proposal

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

4.9 LCCMR grant - submitted and waiting for results of application

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

4.10 Housing Committee –HAUS Developers/Birch Group will be presenting at the June 5, 2025 monthly meeting.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

4.11 June 18th Emergency – FEMA reimbursement updates – Niemi and Knaus continue to work with FEMA agents.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

4.12 Measbi Trail Extension Project – Kippley still needs to meet with the snowmobile club and has updated the Shooting Club on the trail proejct.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

4.13 MN DNR Lake Mine Lease Renewals

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING MN DNR LEASE ENDING IN #667 FOR THE LAKE MINE ROAD ACCESS. MOTION CARRIED**

**IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY APPROVING MN DNR LEASE ENDING IN #224 FOR THE PARKING LOT AT LAKE MINE. MOTION CARRIED**

4.14 Garbage bag survey results and fee discussion

**IT IS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY SKELTON DIRECTING THIS AGENDA ITEM BE PLACED ON THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA SCHEDULED FOR MAY 20, 2025. MOTION CARRIED**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

5.1 Annual Mineral Hearing Notice – May 21, 2025 was reviewed

5.2 Tri-City Ambulance Agreement – updates on dates and language relating to ambulance funds

**IT WAS MOVED BY KIPPLEY, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING THE LANGUAGE CHANGES IN THE TRI-CITY AMBULANCE AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

5.3 Dale Erickson – Retirement effective May 8, 2025

**IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY SKELTON ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT NOTICE OF DALE ERICKSON EFFECTIVE MAY 8, 2025 AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PALO FIRE DEPARMTMENT AND COMMUNITY. MOTION CARRIED**

5.4 Celebrate Aurora – Annual Fireworks Red Top Request

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING CELEBRATE AURORA’S REQUEST TO USE RED TOP FOR FIREWORKS. MOTION CARRIED**

5.5 Resolution 2025-005 Delegating Cannabis Registration to St. Louis County was reviewed



**IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY SKELTON APPROVING RESOLUTION 2025-005 DELEGATING CANNABIS REGISTRATION TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY. MOTION CARRIED**

5.6 Resolution 2025-006 – Application to IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program

**WHEREAS**, the IRRRB is accepting applications for the Residential Redevelopment Grant Program for 2025-2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of White desires to participate in this grant program based on the homeowner’s interest and received application and supporting documents including contractor quotes for services for the private property to be demolished in the Town of White; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of White Board of Supervisors and staff have identified the property located at 5479 Spruce Street, Aurora, MN as a blight and nuisance and believe the grant opportunity will help better the community by making the property cleaner and safer in the Town of White; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of White will fulfill its obligations related to this grant application should the grant funds be awarded; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, if the Town of White is awarded a grant by the IRRRB, the Town of White agrees to accept the grant award, and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota IRRRB for the above referenced project.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING RESOLUTION 2025-006 APPLICATION TO IRRRB RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM. MOTION CARRIED**

5.7. East Range Summit Invitation – Monday, June 2, 2025 @ Giants Ridge Invitation

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF TO ATTEND THE EAST RANGE SUMMIT ON MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2O25. MOTION CARRIED**

5.8. SLCAT Annual Meeting & Banquet Invitation – May 28, 2025 – Cotton

**IT WAS MOVED BY KIPPLEY, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING ATTENDANCE FOR BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF TO ATTEND THE SLCAT ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET ON MAY 28, 2025. MOTION CARRIED**

5.9 Pump House Roof at Twin Lakes – 6 x 6 roof was not replaced with the tin when the picnic shelters were done. The men’s bathroom floor also needs attention from cracking and peeling. Epoxy coating was purchased a few years for this purpose.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING PUBLIC WORKS TO ORDER THE TIN TO MATCH THE PICNIC SHELTERS AND COMPLETE THE WORK ON THE PUMP HOUSE ROOF. MOTION CARRIED**

**IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY SKELTON DIRECTING PUBLIC WORKS TO LOOK AT THE MEN’S BATHROOM WHICH NEEDS ATTENTION AND FIX THE FLOOR. MOTION CARRIED**

5.10 St. Louis Crushing Invoice from 2024

**IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY APPROVING PAYMENT OF THE CRUSHING INVOICE TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF $83,580.00. MOTION CARRIED**

**6. REPORTS:**

Clerk’s Report:

1. MAT Short Course was excellent training again this year. Great resources were shared which are attached to this report for your referral. We received a list of the MN Legal Newspapers and East Range Times is not listed. As you know, they are designated as our official newspaper. We have reached out to them and they said they are working on it. Also, we learned voter approval of annual meeting minutes is not needed so this can be removed from the Annual Meeting agenda. They are approved once they are signed which should be within two days of the annual meeting. It is recommended every town have a road policy relating to call outs for plowing, authority, number of inches etc. Township Day in 2026 is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2026 in St. Paul. Mark your calendars it would great if we all could go!
2. I notified the Road Salt vendor the Township will not be submitting an order of road salt for next year as our quantity in storage is sufficient. This will be a nice cost savings. St Lous County provided us with salt testing forms for tracking the moisture content and a template letter to use if we require a price deduction. A printer for the salt tester has been ordered.
3. I attended FEMA Disaster Training sponsored by St. Louis County on Friday, April 11th that was very beneficial.
4. The office staff made a small dent in the record retention work – thank you to the Public Works crew for making the trips to the dump for us! Years of outdated, old computers and equipment, binders of training manuals, and boxes of old files were removed to make room in the basement storage room. This work will continue and be on-going.
5. Clark, Amanda, and I attended the LMCIT Annual Safety Conference on Tuesday, April 22nd; these trainings are always beneficial as you walk away with knowledge of upcoming changes and laws; for example, the Town’s website will need to be compliant relating to accessibility (ADA) in 2026. This will be costly. The Town will need to decide if it is worth it continuing to have a website.
6. Quarterly payroll reports were submitted for quarter ending 3/31/25 including the Paid Family Leave & Unemployment hours to the State of MN.
7. I attended the final Community Advisory Panel (CAP) meeting which was held at the Laskin plant on Thursday, May 1, 2025. These meetings will resume in the Fall.
8. Submitted the seniority roster to the Local 49 as required each quarter.
9. The Annual Health inspection at LLCC was conducted on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 by the State and all is good.
10. I submitted an energy efficiency & conservation block grant to the ARDC Planning Office for the LLCC. This grant is a reimbursement grant up to $20,000.00.
11. I returned the data request to [Minnesota@Openthebooks.com](mailto:Minnesota@Openthebooks.com) as requested and per our Data Practices Policy.

On-going Projects & Pending Items not discussed:

* Franchise Fees for Power & Utilities (fiber)
* Road Vacation Filings for the Road Realignments in 2023
* ~~Cannabis Regulation & Ordinance~~

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA DIRECTING OFFICE STAFF TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH IRRR FOR A FEASABILITY STUDY FOR THE FIRE HALL. MOTION CARRIED**

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO FILE THE CLERK’S REPORT. MOTION CARRIED**

Foreman

Equipment tear downs getting ready for summer; tree trimming, patching roads, Twin Lakes Pavilion start-up work, put dock in and cemetery work preparing for Memorial Day.

Supervisors:

Anttila - everyone is doing a great job!

Kippley – all employees are doing a good job; projects are getting done! Things look good!

Skelton – walked thorugh the Fire Hall and Public Works facilities and things look good. Keep working on relationships and working together. We can make this work.

**7. TRAINING REQUESTS & MEETING NOTICES**:

Knaus & Gross – League of MN Cities Annual Conference, Duluth, MN June 25-27, 2025

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING KNAUS AND GROSS TO ATTEND THIS TRAINING WITH PAID EXPENSES. MOTION CARRIED**

Lehman – CMVIR – Lake Superior College – June 17, 2025

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING LEHMAN TO ATTEND THIS TRAINING WITH PAID EXPENSES. MOTION CARRIED**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 5, 2025 5:00 P.M. @ City/Town Government Center; East Range Water Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 4:30 P.M. @ City/Town Government Center; ERJPB Meeting: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 9:00 AM @ City/Town Government Center; Safety Training & Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 @ 9:00 A.M.; SLCAT Annual Meeting & Dinner: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 5:30 p.m. Cotton; Special Meeting Quarterly Fire Department: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 5:00 P.M. @ City/Town Government Center; Special Meeting Facility Use & Planning: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 5:00 P.M. @ City/Town Government Center;

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 6:39 P.M. MOTION CARRIED**

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**Jodi Knaus, Clerk Jon Skelton, Chairman**