

Birch Lake Township
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
May 18, 2026

Accepted
ALL ✓

Meeting called to order, roll call, Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present: Andy Bray-Road Supervisor, Curt Meyer-Chairman, Tony Peterson-Supervisor

Janice Pfarr-Clerk, Corinna Wynn - Treasurer

Public present: Andy & Tricia Becker, Wendy Holsapple & Levi Holsapple

Motion to accept agenda Bray/Meyer. Approved

Motion to accept meeting minutes from April meeting, Peterson/Bray. Approved

Treasurers reports; Bray/Peterson. Approved

Motion to approve to pay bills: Bray/Peterson

Public comment: proposal for ditch mowing by Levi Holsapple time frame between July 15 – August 1st.

Contract to be signed, with a copy of insurance IRS form filled out with a cap of \$12500.00 to have for ditch mowing. Bray/Meyer. Approved.

If nap weed is found within township Peterson asked that we get bids on spraying.

Old business: repealing resolution of support for workforce housing project. Any thing in future would need to come back and request again. Resolution 26-01. Notice will be mailed to the City of Hackensack and persons affiliated with grant. Motion Peterson/Bray. Approved

New Business: checks from Powers and Sourcewell deposited into township account.

FNBNorth accounts to update signature card. To add Curtis Meyer, Andy Bray and Janice Pfarr.

Corinna Wynn and Tony Peterson will remain as signers also. Those to remove are: Susan Falk, Nicholas Daigle and Erik Jacobson.

Supervisor Peterson no report

Supervisor Meyer no report

Bray report: pocket gopher bounty-fill out forms- it will be posted on the website to contact Andy Bray

**March – November fees will need to be turned in by end of year. \$100 per person/year \$2.50 front feet

Motion: Bray Peterson. approved Resolution 26-02

**Long Bay Road Project: Anderson brothers to pave - \$24604.00 250 foot section from parking lot to the Paul Bunyan trail. Seal coat and crack seal. 500 ft past the Paul Bunyan Trail. Once approved Anderson

**Still working with Tremelo communication sending \$150 admin fee bill preliminary and final.

**Round 1 of graveling operation projected roads – \$75000.00 on gravel \$16.00/yd Motion by Bray/Meyer. approved.

**Round 2- Arthurs point and Poquet drive, first section of George Coon

**Request \$600 for mowing town hall and clean up work, limbs and picked up before it can be mowed. For 2026 spring, summer and fall. Motion by Bray/Meyer. Approved.

Entertain idea of up to \$50,000 for building improvements. Heating, bathrooms, Well, sewage holding tank-design etc.

Motion to adjourn: Peterson/Bray. approved

BIRCH LAKE TOWNSHIP
CASS COUNTY, MINNESOTA
Resolution No. 26-01

**RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR A WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Hackensack ("City") sought out communities to be part of the "eligible project area" to seek a grant for a workforce housing development project ("Project") it was interested in pursuing under Minnesota Statutes, section 462A.39;

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted a resolution on October 30, 2023 ("2023 Resolution") agreeing to be included as part of the eligible project area for the Project;

WHEREAS, the City has failed to obtain a grant from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency ("MHFA") for the Project; and

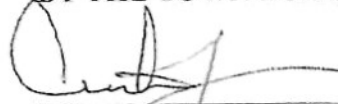
WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that it is no longer in the best interests of the Town to be included as part of the Project and desires to withdraw the Town from the eligible project area for the Project and all other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of Birch Lake Township as follows:

1. The 2023 Resolution is hereby repealed effective immediately.
2. The Town withdraws from, and shall not be considered part of, the eligible project area for the Project under Minnesota Statutes, section 462A.39, or for any other purpose.
3. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide MHFA and the City a copy of this Resolution.

Adopted this 18 day of May 2026.

BY THE TOWN BOARD



Town Chairperson

Attest:



Town Clerk

BIRCH LAKE TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ANIMAL
BOUNTY IN THE TOWNSHIP**

Resolution number - 26-02

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 348.12, 348.125, and 348.13 authorize towns to offer a bounty for the destruction of gophers, ground squirrels, and coyotes;

WHEREAS, the town board determines pocket gophers constitute a nuisance to property, particularly property being used for road and agricultural purposes;

WHEREAS, the town board determines it is in the best interests of the public to establish a bounty to encourage the destruction of pocket gophers in the township;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of Birch Lake Township establishes a bounty on pocket gophers in the township to be conducted as follows:

1. The bounty shall only apply to pocket gophers that were, to the satisfaction of the town board, captured and killed within the boundaries of the township.
2. The bounty shall only apply to pocket gophers killed in the months of March thru November.
3. To be eligible for collection of the bounty, both front feet of pocket gophers must be presented to the township road supervisor. Feet shall be presented in a container containing dry salt.
4. The amount of the bounty shall be \$2.50 per gopher, with a maximum pay per person/family of \$100.00 per calendar year. Bounties may be presented to the board March – December each calendar year.
5. The person claiming a bounty must provide the town a claim form including his or her name, address, and the location of where the animals were killed and a completed W-9.

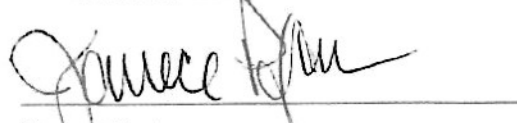
THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, this resolution shall automatically renew on January 1 of each year, unless amended or repealed by the town board by resolution.

Adopted this 18 day of May, 2026.

By the Birch Lake Town Board


Town Board Chair

Attested to by:


Town Clerk