

## **Dovre Township Meeting**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

### **Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Chair, Sherry Jean Larson, called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Present:** Herry Jean Larson, Marie Ostby, Bruce Peterson, Robert Orsten, Jordan Albrecht, Amy Haugen

**Absent:** Keith Quale

**Guests:** Howard Werner, Randy Klein, Doug Fenstra, Ryan Albrecht

The board thanked Howard for his many years of services for maintaining the Dovre Township Hall.

Doug Fenstra stated that he was looking into whether the township would allow a cartway on the Roseland addition on 47<sup>th</sup> Ave for a farmer to access field rather than from the highway. There is a current easement that crosses 6-acre property. Farmer would be responsible for gravel and dirt movement to create path. Motion made by Supervisor Larson for Supervisor Ostby to contact attorney to check on cartway, seconded by Supervisor Peterson, and motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Remove line on plans for upcoming road project as plans are up for approval tonight. Motion made by Supervisor Orsten to approve minutes as amended, seconded by Supervisor Peterson, and motion carried.

**Approval of Orders:** Approval Orsten moved to approve payment of orders, Supervisor Ostby seconded, and motion carried.

**Fire Report:** Chair Larson stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

### **Old Business:**

- o Discussed the hiring of Ryan Albrecht for interior and exterior maintenance. Discussed responsibilities and that a more formal list will be made soon. Motion made by Supervisor Peterson to hire Ryan Albrecht for maintenance position at a rate of \$25 per hour, seconded by Supervisor Ostby, motion carried.

o Pending Right of Way Applications and Permits:

- o Crown Underground-4077 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW
- o Crown Underground- 7384 26<sup>th</sup> St. NE

(Approved pending receipt of payment)

Supervisor Ostby will look into records and report back.

- o CTAS Update: Jordan will begin process after computer is returned after repairs.
- o 2026 Mn Association of Townships: Spring Short Course: Amy Haugen will attend March 26<sup>th</sup> training in Willmar. Supervisor Larson might attend the Granite Falls training.

**New Business:**

**ROW:** Kathleen Barber (with Centerpoint Energy) Payment received. Marie Ostby will make contact.

Kandiyohi County Township Association Annual Meeting: 3/23/26, Bruce Peterson will attend.

Fire service call: Willmar at Hwy 71 NE and 60<sup>th</sup> Ave NE

Reviewed Agenda for Annual Meeting on 3/10/26 at 7 PM.

Motion made by Supervisor Ostby to approve Resolution No. 2026-001 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids, seconded by Supervisor Peterson, motion carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Ostby to recess meeting and will be reconvened on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, seconded by Supervisor Orsten, and motion carried.

Meeting recesses at 8:05 pm.

Meeting reconvenes at 6:03 PM on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM

**Treasurer's Report:** Jordan Albrecht presented a balance sheet and profit and loss for end of year 2025 along with previous year comparisons. Motion was made by Supervisor Peterson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Supervisor Ostby seconded, and motion carried.

Budget discussion continues.

**Establish Budget and Levy**

- Town Road Distribution: \$52,877
- Assessments due in 2026: 8th Street- \$32,225.20; Broadband- \$54,581.10; LLR- \$77,552.58
- Fire Contracts: Willmar \$37,471.42, Spicer \$52,784.00, Pennock \$9,000 (2026)

<b>Budget:</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Proposed 2027</b>
Fire	135,000	139,050
General	100,000	75,000
Road/Bridge	700,000	937,073
LGA	21,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>958,000</b>	<b>1,151,123</b>

<b>Levy</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Proposed 2027</b>
General	844,123	844,123
Misc. Income	61,682	277,000
Town Road	52,877	30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>958,000</b>	<b>1,151,123</b>

Motion made by Supervisor Larson to authorize max 15,000 for geotechmn, seconded by Supervisor Peterson, motion carried.

**Upcoming Meetings:**      3/10/26 Dovre Annual Town Meeting 7:00  
   4/6/26 Dovre April Meeting 6:00  
   4/10/26 Board of Equalization 9 AM-Noon

Motion made by Supervisor Peterson, seconded by Supervisor Orsten, motion carried.

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Sherry Jean Larson, Chair

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Amy Haugen, Clerk

