

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Thornapple Township: April 14, 2026

Chairman Tom Zelm called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Open meeting compliance was verified with notice posted in three locations.

Roll Call

Board members present: Chair, Tom Zelm; Supervisor, Ryan Smith; Supervisor, John Rautio; Treasurer, Sue Pinnow; Quorum verified: YES

3 Citizens present

Order of Business

- 1. Reading & action on board minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes, with a correction to the date of the annual meeting, was made by John Rautio and seconded by Tom Zelm. The motion carried.
- 2. Treasurer's report:** Treasure Sue Pinnow presented last month's and this month's reports. There was some discussion on whether to leave the surplus savings balance as is or transfer to the checking, but no decision was made. Discussion will be resumed next time. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented was made by Tom and seconded by Ryan. The motion carried.
- 3. Review & approve payment of bills due:** The month's bills were reviewed and approved to be paid. A motion to approve bills was made by John and seconded by Tom; the motion carried. Tom added one bill to the list for chipper blades that will be paid as well.
- 4. Andrew Boster permit request:** Approval for Mr. Boster's current permit will be pending until the fee for previous one has been received. A motion to table that approval was made by John and seconded by Ryan. The motion carried.
- 5. Discussion on rezoning Thornapple under Rusk County Ordinances:** After meeting with the attorney to discuss the town's ability to issue citations for ordinance violations, the board was informed that it would be very costly to try to enforce our own ordinances due to legal fees. If, however, Thornapple rezones under Rusk County, any violations could be enforced and dealt with by the county. Tom made a motion to table the decision until the County has responded to our inquiry. John seconded and the motion carried.
- 6. Cedar Corporation update:** Currently no news. The communications are ongoing.
- 7. Roads report:** JR reported on the roads. Lots of tree removal has taken place, and there are a number of culverts needing additional gravel. We are waiting on word from Cedar Corp so we can get them inspected and have precise information. The needs on Sawdust Road were also discussed and there is one corner which will be needing attention.
- 8. Equipment Report:** JR reported that the equipment is good, though we still need a new window for the truck. Tom will be picking up the blades on Monday.
- 9. Buildings/Town Hall/Recycling Center:** Dumpsters have been ordered for the May cleanup.
- 10. Dates for annual, Open book, & BOR meetings:** The annual meeting will be held as scheduled on April 21st at 7:00 p.m. Scheduling for the other meetings are pending word from the assessor.
- 11. Citizens' comments:** One citizen inquired generally about the May cleanup.

12. Adjourn meeting: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:22 PM by Tom and seconded by John. The motion carried.

Next month's meeting will be on: May 12 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes taken by: Ryan Smith

Minutes seen and approved by:

Tom Zelm, Chairman

Ryan Smith, Supervisor

John Rautio, Supervisor