

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of Thornapple Township: May 16, 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, Clerk, Becky Smith; Quorum verified: YES

Order of Business

- 1. Approve proceeding on work bids and/or repairs for Sawdust Road:** The work proposed to be done is as follows: approximately half a mile of road repair as well as a culvert replacement; full milling and repaving, new steel culvert, minimum 24" shoulder, 3" added gravel, 2.5" of asphalt, and 22' finished road width. The estimated cost of such a project might total \$130k.

John made a motion to place an ad for bids on the project, to be opened on June 9th at the monthly meeting, and was seconded by Ryan; the motion carried.

Tom made a motion to speak with a bank representative regarding a new short term loan to cover the costs of the project and was seconded by John; the motion carried.

- 2. Adjourn meeting:** Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM and was seconded by Tom; the motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Becky Smith

Minutes seen and approved by:

Tom Zelm, Chairman

Ryan Smith, Supervisor

John Rautio, Supervisor