

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Thornapple Township: June 9, 2026

John Rautio 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: Supervisor, Ryan Smith; Supervisor, John Rautio; Treasurer, Sue Pinnow; Clerk, Becky Smith; Quorum verified: YES

5 Citizens present

Order of Business

- 1. Reading & action on board minutes:** Clerk presented last meeting's minutes. John made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and was seconded by Ryan; the motion carried.
- 2. Treasurer's report:** Treasurer presented the financial report. John made a motion to accept the report as presented and was 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 the bills was made by Ryan and seconded by John; the motion carried.
- 4. Discuss existing loans and financing of Sawdust repairs:** The bank is withholding approval on a new loan until the current loan payments are caught up. The hold up has been that we have signed minutes for the approval of automatic payments, which will be done at today's meeting. We should have the issue resolved in a few days once those minutes are presented.

Ryan made a motion to table the Sawdust Road financing until the matter is confirmed to be resolved, whereupon the board will have special meeting to continue progress on Sawdust Road repairs. The motion was seconded by John, and carried.

- 5. Bids for Sawdust Road:** The town received two bids for the Sawdust Road repair:
 - a. Monarch: \$116,226.05; this does not include the culvert, which was deemed to be unnecessary
 - b. Haas: \$121,513.40; this does include the culvert for \$3,000, making the bid still higher even without it.

John made a motion to accept Monarch's bid and move forward, contingent on successful resolution of the current financing issue. Ryan seconded and the motion carried.

- 6. Cedar Corporation update:** Latest information from them indicates they plan to schedule something toward the end of June.
- 7. Building Permit Update:** Regarding rezoning: attorney Rich Summerfield has been in contact with Rusk county on the matter and is waiting for their response.
- 8. Roads report:** No report due to JR's absence; someone did bring up the matter of cracks/holes on Townline road and requested that road to be added to the queue of repairs and patches. We know there are a lot of roads needing such services. Ryan will follow up with JR on the progress.
- 9. Equipment Report:** No report due to JR's absence
- 10. Buildings/Town Hall/Recycling Center:** Nothing of note

11. Citizens' comments: There was a question regarding fiber optic internet: John said it has been installed on Ramer Road, but Flohr is not in Bruce's district, so it's unlikely to be arriving there soon. The comment led to a casual discussion on Starlink services – nothing really noteworthy.

12. Adjourn meeting: A motion was made to adjourn meeting at 7:34 PM by Ryan and was seconded by John; the motion carried.

Next month's meeting will be on: July 14 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Becky Smith, Clerk

Minutes seen and approved by:

Tom Zelm, Chairman

Ryan Smith, Supervisor

John Rautio, Supervisor