Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Thornapple Township: October 13, 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, John Rautio; Clerk, Becky Smith; Quorum verified: YES

3 citizens present

Order of Business

1. **Reading & action on board minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes as present was made by Tom and seconded by John. The motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's report:** No treasurer's report was given as the treasure was absent.
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 Tom and seconded by John. The motion carried.
4. **Cedar Corporation Update:** No further information is currently available; we are still waiting for access to the WHSTLR report.
5. **Ladysmith School Referendum:** Jason LeMae presented information on the referendum for the school of Ladysmith.
6. **Discussion on subdivision moratorium:** Clarification was made on the purpose of the moratorium ordinance. The purpose is not to target any specific individual, but for the Town to have time to learn the particulars of any given project before blind approval is granted. A motion was made by John to table the discussion until we've established confirmation on the limits of the Town authority. The motion was seconded by Tom and carried.
7. **Discussion of email regarding moratorium/driveway/zoning ordinances:** In response to the email we received regarding the question of Village Powers and whether the Town of Thornapple has authority to adopt the ordinances discussed in September's meeting, we will contact the county for any records they may have in addition to consulting our own.
8. **Roads report:** JR reported on the roads – there is nothing of any concern.
9. **Equipment Report:** JR reported on equipment – they are looking into new (used) tractors, possibly a lease-to-own option; the new tractor tires for the current machine were quoted at $950/tire. Some clarification is needed as to whether the quote includes mounting or fluid.
10. **Buildings/Town Hall/Recycling Center:** Nothing to report
11. **Citizens' comments:** None
12. **Adjourn meeting:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom at 8:05 pm and seconded by John; the motion carried.

Next month's meeting will be on: November 10 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Becky Smith

Minutes seen and approved by:

Tom Zelm, Chairman	Ryan Smith, Supervisor	John Rautio, Supervisor