

TURTLE RIVER TOWNSHIP
BELTRAMI COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF THE August 25, 2026
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Chairman Chris Justice called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Officers in attendance: Chris Justice, Jerry Illies, Rita Chamblin, Tanya Hanson, and Nora Illies.

Citizens Present: Kelly Booge, Larry Krantz, Jan Johnson, Jim Galloway, and Brad Kennedy,

I. Town Board

A. Citizen Input- None

B. July Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes- Rita Chamblin made a motion to approve the township consent agenda, containing the July Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes. Jerry Illies seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

II. Treasurer's Consent Agenda- Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills and Claims- Jerry Illies made a motion, seconded by Rita Chamblin, to accept the following July Treasurer's Report and pay the bills- Motion carried 3-0.

1. Receipts for the month totaled \$256,484.82 and disbursements were \$30,527.89.
2. The township checking account balance totaled \$447,868.37. There was an error and the bank statement shows \$447,857.94, the bank corrected this and it will show up on the next bank statement.
3. Bills and claims for the month of August, #12118 to #12152 were presented for approval and payment in the amount of \$27,059.61.

III. Zoning

A. No zoning business this month.

IV. Administrative Items

A. Newsletter- Chris Justice will write the upcoming newsletter

B. Election Poll Pad Malfunction- Clerk, Tanya Hanson, updated the board on the poll pads and the county response. The county states that they will be fixed and ready for the general election.

V. Roads

A. Elliot Complaint- Rita Chamblin updated the board on a complaint from a landowner, concerning the wash boarding and condition of Elliot Rd.

B. Grading- Rita Chamblin updated the board concerning the future retirement of Joel Johnson, as of now she has not received clear information as to Joel's future plans.

C. Graveling- Rita Chamblin updated the board on graveling.

D. Little Bass Lake Road

1. ROW- Jerry Illies updated the board on the current road easement process. Rita Chamblin made a motion pay the county their fee for the easement for the 2 parcels of state land on Little Bass Lake Road, Jerry Illies seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1. Ayes 2, nay 1.
2. Refined budget numbers- Rita Chamblin updated the board with the refined budget numbers. Once the engineer is closer to the 60-80% range of the design process, they will have a more solid budget number for the township.
3. MOU with the county- Rita Chamblin made a motion to approve the MOU between Beltrami County and Turtler River Township for the Little Bass Lake Road project. Jerry Illies seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
4. Public hearing for removal of trees and brush- Rita Chamblin made a motion to set a public hearing on September 22, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., for removal of trees and brush along Little Bass

Lake Road. Jerry Illies seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Rita Chamblin moved to authorize to send a notice to the property owners regarding the upcoming Public Hearing regarding the removal of trees on Little Bass Lake Road. Jerry Illies seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Next steps for the LBL project- Rita Chamblin updated the board on upcoming steps.

Chris Justice adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman Chris Justice

Clerk, Tanya Hanson