

BARRY TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Regular Meeting

May 19, 2026

The Barry Township Board of Supervisors met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Barry Town Hall, located at 35965 Wildlife Road, Hinckley, MN.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Hattenberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance

Chairman Present: Ed Hattenberger

Supervisors Present: Kim Crow, Al Moon

Treasurer Present: Dick Prenovost

Clerk Present: Melinda Crow

Residents Present: Kathy Horbach, Paul Sporcic, Brian Mulholland, Bobbi Butler, Todd Crow

A quorum was present.

Public Comment

Resident's Concerns: Election judge update, deferred to be addressed in Clerk's report. The road grader leaves large hard piles of dirt, along with dips at ends of driveways. When new gravel should be placed, and large amount of dirt pushed into ditch. Supervisor Crow explained bidirectional grading and if at base, then new gravel is required. Dirt in ditches can be a result of having gravel roads and dependent upon if the ground was frozen when the road was plowed. Chairman Hattenberger referenced doing road reviews to determine gravel needs, along with receiving feedback from the grader operator and township residents. Supervisor Moon stated he will have a conversation with Keith regarding road grading.

Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Crow to approve agenda, Chairman Hattenberger seconded. Vote 3/0 passed.

Minutes

- 4/21/26 Regular meeting minutes were read by clerk. **Motion** by Supervisor Moon to accept as read, Supervisor Crow seconded. Vote 3/0 passed.
- 4/21/26 Reorganizational meeting minutes were read by clerk. Supervisor Crow stated adjournment time to be corrected from 9:10pm to 8:15pm, correction made. **Motion** by Chairman Hattenberger to accept the minutes, Supervisor Moon seconded. Vote 3/0 passed.
- 4/27/26 Road Review minutes were distributed. **Motion** by Chairman Hattenberger to waive reading, Supervisor Crow seconded. Vote 3/0 passed. Darling Drive was corrected to Darling Lane. **Motion** by Supervisor Crow to accept the minutes, Supervisor Moon seconded. Vote 3/0 passed.
- 5/5/26 Special meeting minutes were read by clerk. **Motion** by Supervisor Crow to accept the minutes, Supervisor Moon seconded. Vote 3/0 passed.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Treasurer Prenovost. **Motion** by Supervisor Moon to accept Treasurer's Report, Supervisor Crow seconded. Vote 3/0 passed.

Two sets of financial reports, differing in format, number of pages and ease of readability were distributed to the board. Supervisor Crow stated that the CTAS disbursement ledger doesn't show where the money goes as it is broken out by account. Importance of transparency to the public was acknowledged, along with cost for pages. Chairman Hattenberger requested Treasure Prenovost to seek clarification of any State requirements. Tabled until next regular meeting.

Two checks will be cut. Reimbursements for expenses must be approved at regular meetings by all supervisors. One supervisor can approve the payroll. Timecards continue to be due on the 10th. Checks continue to be available on the 15th. The board discussed downed tree removal by supervisors at the request of residents. Clerk was tasked with presenting clarifying options to the board.

Pay Bills

Motion by Supervisor Crow to pay the bills, Chairman Hattenberger seconded. Vote 3/0 passed.

Clerk's Report

Letters of interest with training schedule were mailed to seven election judges. Six were prior election judges and one was to a resident the party put forward. Kathy Thompson is willing to serve as the second Head Judge and go to the training in June. **Motion** by Supervisor Crow to approve Kathy Thompson as a Head Judge, Chairman Hattenberger seconded. Vote 3/0 passed.

Two educational opportunities. June 5th MAT Town Law Review. Clarified with MAT attorney that it will not be available later online, and that this training is open to any township officer, which includes the Clerk and Treasurer. October 3rd Township Legal Seminar by Couri and Ruppe Law Office. Registration deferred until August. **Motion** by Supervisor Moon to approve clerk's report, Supervisor Crow seconded. Vote 3/0 passed.

Planning Commission Report

Supervisor Crow reported that they did not meet this month as they did not receive the review back from the lawyer in time. The Commission's eleven-page zoning ordinance was reviewed and rewritten, with thirty pages returned. Multiple pages on cannabis and cannabis definitions were included. Application instructions for variances, conditional use and interim use were also included in the ordinance. The Board discussed having separate zoning and cannabis ordinances. Placing instructions in an appendix, and the importance of a smaller and easier to read ordinance. The ordinance was sent back to the Planning Commission.

Road Report

Supervisor Moon reported talking with and inspecting a citizen's complaint that the clerk had received via e-mail. There was also a question about which township is grading Barry Lane, which is the responsibility of Barry Township. Tree growth on the east side of Barry Lane is contributing to our citizen's road encroachment but are in Arlone Township. Supervisor Moon will do a road inspection with the road grader operator. Gravel quote from Rabe is \$275.00 per load/12 yards. A shoulder reclaimer was discussed.

Old Business

Chairman Hattenberger continues to request the electrician to return to finish the work, which he was already compensated for, on the second attic fan. It continues to run when the circuit breaker is switched on.

New Business

Motion by Supervisor Crow to allow the clerk to record meetings only to assist in writing the minutes, not to create a record, Supervisor Moon seconded. Vote 3/0 passed.

Supervisor's Additional Comments

Supervisor Moon raised the question of building a facility to park the grader. The Board discussed completing the work on the new Town Hall and having a one-to-two-year financial cushion. Supervisor Crow acknowledged the board being aware of missing township records. Clerk appointed on May 5, 2026, will need to do an audit of the records now stored in the file cabinets in the New Town Hall. It was discussed that the MN Historical Society is also retaining records for the township.

Adjournment

Motion by Chairperson Hattenberger to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Supervisor Moon seconded. Vote 3/0 passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Melinda Crow, Clerk



Ed Hattenberger, Chairperson