

UNOFFICIAL  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
Maine Prairie Township  
March 10, 2026

**Attendees:** Chair Lochen, Supervisor Loewen, Supervisor Kuechle, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Deputy Clerk Robinson, Michael Schneider, Henry Massmann, Mike Schindler, Galen Sylvester, John Wicker, Len Voigt, Deputy Cole Thoma, Dale and Mary Rausch, John Donnay.

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by Clerk Nelson with the pledge to the flag.

Nominations opened to elect a moderator. John Wicker was nominated. Motion by Dennis Loewen/John Donnay to close nominations and elect John Wicker as Moderator. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Nelson announced the results of the election. The election was to elect one (1) supervisor for a three (3) year term. David Lochen filed for the supervisor position. There was a total of eighteen (18) votes cast with David Lochen receiving all eighteen (18) votes. Motion by Rob Kuechle/Mike Schneider to accept the results of the election. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Galen Sylvester/Dave Lochen to approve the March 11, 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson presented the treasurer's report for year ended 12/31/2025. Motion by Rob Kuechle/John Wicker to approve the treasurer's report for year ended 12/31/2025. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Rob Kuechle/Galen Sylvester to approve the Township Electronic Funds Transfer Policy. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Rob Kuechle/Galen Sylvester to approve Harvest Bank, Kimball, MN as the depository for Township funds. All in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:** There was no old business for discussion.

**New Business:**

**Stearns County Sheriff Report:** Deputy Thoma reported that there were 61 calls in December, and 46 in January for Maine Prairie Township. 23 of those calls were to Powder Ridge. The Sheriff's Department will once again be holding safety classes for firearms, boating and more. Anyone interested can find more information on their website or social media pages.

**Projected 2026 Road Projects:** 170<sup>th</sup> St, 121<sup>st</sup> Ave, 180<sup>th</sup> St, and 126<sup>th</sup> Ave S will be resurfaced this year. A new culvert will be put in on 179<sup>th</sup> St. along with re-sloping the ditch.

**Fire Contracts:** The fire contracts were reviewed. Motion by Galen Sylvester/John Donnay to approve the fire contracts as follows.

Kimball Fire Department	\$83,228.28	Contract Year: 1/1/2027-12/31/2027
Rockville	\$31,864.79	Contract Year: 4/1/2027-3/31/2028
Watkins	<u>\$8,863.00</u>	Contract Year: 4/1/2027-3/31/2028
Total	\$123,956.07	

All in favor, motion carried.

**Set 2027 Levy - \$775,000.00:** Motion by Galen Sylvester/Len Voigt to set the levy for 2027 at \$775,000.00, levied as follows:

General	\$100,750
Road & Bridge	\$403,000
Snow Removal	\$ 77,500
Blading	\$ 38,750
Fire Protection	\$139,500
Township Hall	\$ 15,500

All in favor, motion carried.

**Set 2027 Annual Meeting Date – March 9, 2027:** The 2027 Annual Meeting will be held on March 9, 2027.

**Open Forum:** Dale Rausch inquired about moving the mailboxes for Marty View Circle from their current location on County Road 8 to each individual driveway on Marty View Circle. He was advised to check with the Post Office, as this wouldn't be a Township decision.

There being no further business, Rob Kuechle made a motion to adjourn at 9:15

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Nelson, Clerk/Treasurer