

WOODROW TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2025

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Colter Peterson at 7:00 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Present are Supervisor Wold, Supervisor Haagensen, Treasurer Tim Mueller and Deputy Clerk Lisa Garbe. Clerk Cathy Dietrich is absent. To see sign in sheet for citizens present, request from Clerk.

M/S/P Wold/Peterson approve Agenda for Regular Monthly Meeting with two additions for new business.

3. TDS Right of Way
4. Logo on Website

M/S/P Wold/Peterson approve May 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted.

M/S/P Wold/Peterson approve Road Inspection Meeting Minutes

M/S/P Peterson/Haagensen approve May 2025 Treasurer Report, subject to audit as presented by Treasurer Tim Mueller.

M/S/P Wold/Peterson approve claims as submitted by Clerk Cathy Dietrich.

M/S/P Peterson/Haagensen approve payroll as submitted by Clerk Cathy Dietrich.

Clerk's Report – Nothing to report.

OPEN FORUM – Citizen Thielmann would like the board to consider not spending money on calcium chloride for 3 roads. It's not fair that everyone pays for this and would like this to be considered for next year.

Supervisor Wold responded, there was a resolution passed in 2021 that states we will use calcium chloride on all town roads that average 200 vehicles per day. Part of the reasoning in the resolution was that it could help stabilize the road, minimize loss of road material caused by that higher traffic, but if it's used on less busy roads, the cost of replenishing gravel doesn't meet the cost of the calcium chloride.

There was more discussion on how it is attributed to rust on cars, damage to the environment and dust control. Supervisors agreed the subject does warrant more research and discussion later this year and willing to receive input from citizens.

Citizen Scheibel asked about the counting of vehicles, who does this?

Chair Peterson explained the counting was completed prior to the resolution being made, maybe in 2020 or 2021 there were counters mounted on trees.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Draft assessment policy was reviewed by the Township Attorney and there were just a few comments.
 - a. In Section I of the draft policy general policy statements there are three ways that the initiation of the public improvement can be undertaken. A. says that it can be done by Direct Action of the Town Board. The statute doesn't allow. The attorney does clarify that if there's no petition, it needs a 4 out of 5 majority vote, assuming a 5-member board. So, on a three-member board, you would need a unanimous vote.
 - b. B. Property Owner Petition the draft has currently not less than 75% of the people on that petition. Attorney comment was that statute only requires 35%, but we could require more than that. Supervisors agree, leaving it at 75%.
 - c. Section II is the different methods of assessment. The Attorney commented he liked that we have multiple different ways to pick things.
 - d. Section IV is the terms of assessment, such as how many years we would generally recommend for different types of activities. Whether it's new construction or just a mill overlay, the draft has right now for new construction a special assessment would be 12 years. Overlay would be seven years. The Attorney said that it really makes sense. But the statute allows us to go up to 29 years, but he thought what we had was fine.

M/S/P Wold/Haagensen A public hearing will be set for July 17th, 2025, at 7:00 PM. Draft will be posted on the Township Website.

Next step after the public hearing for input, will be to adopt a final draft by resolution at a future public meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for two concealed roadway signs on 17th Ave and Flicker Trail because of the curve and hill people driving too fast. Chair Peterson explained the township wouldn't put up speed limit signs as there is no way to enforce the sign. The road does not have resorts and it's all people who should be aware. If a citizen would like to put up a sign at their cost, within the right of way it will need to be submitted to the Township Board for review and approval. The submission would need to include size, site, and language.
2. Request to measure road and right of way as there is a concern about reclaiming from plowing on 17th Ave.

M/S/P Supervisor Peterson will go out and measure the road and make sure it is not being widened but actual reclaiming is being done.

3. TDS right of way for fiber optic installation.

M/S/P Wold/Peterson approve.

4. Logo on website remove the mountains.

M/S/P Peterson/Wold

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Peterson –

- Waiting for gravel crushing as there is no gravel left in the township pit. Spoke to Larry Sanders and stated the township is out of gravel and he wouldn't give a date but is still on the schedule for this summer, we just don't have a date yet.

Supervisor Wold –

- Regarding weed spraying we had a request last time for what types of chemicals were being sprayed in the ditches for weeds. I did reach out and there's a list of five different herbicides along with one surfactant. The company says they can turn the chemicals on and off on the fly, so depending on what they're seeing in the ditch, they'll change chemicals up to be most effective. The brand herbicide names used are Tricera, On Deck, Brush Wrap, Escort, and Open Site. The surfactant that is mixed with some of those for proper adhesion to leaves.
- Need to look at the recycling cameras as there is one that is a little blurry, but others are fine, just need to clean up dust.
- There's a dedicated road that is in the plat that goes directly to the lake, as do many platted roads. There's a neighborhood dispute in that area, and one gentleman did solve one problem with a dock that was left in our road right of way. He did remove it, but he brought it down to the lake and put it off that public road down there. The neighbors had some issues because he trespassed through a neighbor's property to get it on there because it's all wooded. They've called the sheriff and that's not our issue. That's a trespass through a neighbor's property, to get it on there, because it's all wooded. We had a request about what we are going to do about him placing the dock at the end of that road. I drove by last week and I've got a picture of it, but it's in the water, and that's public water in DNR jurisdiction, so we can't tell someone to take something out of the water. There's still more research on the public road, but either way, we would be an authority that someone could bring a vacation to vacate those old sections of roadway. And that would be a hearing before us. Since it is a public right-of-way is he with that dock being there is there some kind of legal standpoint that he's obstructing other people from using that property?

I would support all those roads that go down into the water, a vacation on all of them. And so, I say citizens should talk to their neighbors, work with an attorney and a surveyor, bring us that vacation for all of those and split the cost with your neighbors.

We'll get this on the agenda for the next meeting.

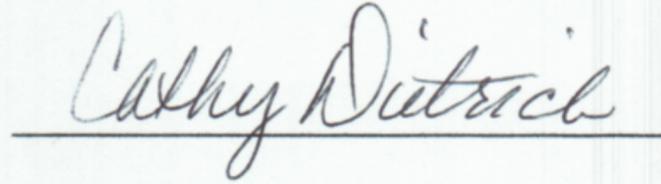
Supervisor Haagensen –

- Spoke to Steve Johnson regarding calcium chloride.

MEETING ADJOURNED M/S/P Peterson/Wold 7:50 p.m.



Chair, Colter Peterson



Clerk, Cathy Dietrich

