

Dead Lake Township
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Richville, MN 56576

Dead Lake Township Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2025

At 6:00 p.m., the meeting of Dead Lake Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Chairperson Kirchenwitz.

Present: Justin Kirchenwitz, Dave Ellingson, Duane Ard, Tammy Trosdahl and Dawn Lueders.

There were three visitors in the audience. (see attached sheet)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Monthly Meeting Minutes: Supervisors reviewed the April 2025 minutes. A motion was made by Ard and seconded by Ellingson to approve the April 2025 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Trosdahl reported the figures for April 2025 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 34,266.75
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 97,164.65
Township Equipment Fund	\$ 24,373.34
Fire Fund	\$ 3,248.73
Verizon Lease Payment	\$ 515.04
Total	\$ 159,568.51

Kirchenwitz made a motion to approve the April 2025 Financial Report. The second was made by Ard. Motion passed unanimously. Trosdahl reported that a total of \$1,808.30 was received during April 2025.

Bills for May: Lueders presented the bills for May 2025 to the Supervisors. After reviewing the bills, a motion was made by Ard and seconded by Kirchenwitz to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2006 Snowplow financing: Lueders stated that since the April meeting, when Daimler Financing was approved, another financing option has become available. United Community Bank would offer the same financing option as we currently would have with Daimler but with a .61% less interest rate than Daimler. This would be a savings of over \$5,800 in interest over the seven-year loan period. Ard made the motion and Ellingson seconded the motion to rescind the previous motion in April to go with Daimler Finance, and to switch and go with United Community Bank instead for the loan for the 2022 Western Star plow truck.

NEW BUSINESS

Lake Region Electric District 4: Lee Mindemann, our District 4 Representative for Lake Region Electric Cooperative attended the meeting to provide an update of things happening with Lake Region Electric Cooperative. Mindemann stated how much he has learned since being on the board. There are 42 electric cooperatives in Minnesota. Mindemann handed out an invitation for the Energy Forum on June 6th at Thumper Pond Resort from 8:30am to 1:30pm, and the Member Appreciation on August 7th at Phelps Mill from 3 to 7pm. Mindemann encouraged everyone to attend.

Joint Powers Special Board Meeting: Ard gave an update from the meeting. Ard stated that nothing was voted on or decided at the meeting regarding the tax districting that the special meeting was held for. Ard stated that most of the time was spent going after Star Lake Township and Dead Lake Township for opting out of the Joint Powers Board. Dale Lewis, Supervisor for Star Lake Township was in the audience and voiced the same comment. Lewis and Ard both stated that they feel the Joint Powers Board has no real decision-making power for Perham EMS even though the Joint Powers Board owns Perham EMS.

Beaver Dam Road: Vince Pankonin attended the meeting to discuss Beaver Dam Road. Pankonin first stated that he is very happy with the overall condition of the township roads. Dead Lake Township is doing a good job with maintaining the roads in the township. Pankonin spoke specifically of Beaver Dam Road regarding how he feels that the road is being over graded. The money is spent on applying chloride to the road. In front of his house the chloride holds up well. Past his house, up the hill, the road does get worse and may require more grading, however once the chloride is applied grading past his house would not be necessary except only a couple times during the summer. The Supervisors explained that the grader operator needs to redo the crown on the road in the spring to get the roads ready for chloride. Ard also stated that he had received complaints about how often and early the roads were graded last fall. Ard will investigate the matter.

Road Tour: The Supervisors noted a few areas that needed added gravel on the township roads since the road tour. The public access needs a couple of loads of gravel, Murray Road (minimum maintenance), and the Northern Lights turnaround. Mr. D's will be contacted to haul the gravel. Jeff Wells stopped Randy Knaust, the grader operator, when the grader threw up a rock that hit Well's windshield and cracked it. Wells showed Knaust, and it was noted the windshield has a previous crack as well. After discussing the incident and concluding that the grader was not in operation at the time, the township is not liable for the windshield for Jeff Wells.

Chloride petitions: The Supervisors discussed the list of roads for chloride to be applied, and the requests received. There was a motion made by Kirchenwitz and seconded by Ellingson to accept chloride applications received and approve the list of township roads for chloride to be applied. Motion carried unanimously. Kirchenwitz reported that Fergus Power Pump is hoping that with the rain being predicted for the end of this week, they can apply the chloride about May 21st.

Safe Deposit Box: Lueders reported that she had recently gone into the safe deposit box at United Community Bank to retrieve the title for the 2006 truck. Lueders stated that there are very few items in the box and now that the township has a fireproof safe, if there is a need to have the safe deposit box. Kirchenwitz made a motion to close the safe deposit box at United Community Bank and move the items from the box to the safe at the town hall. Ellingson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar Items: There were no calendar items.

Housekeeping Items: There were no housekeeping items.

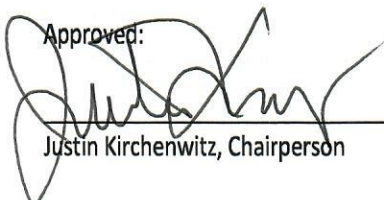
The mail received was laid out for the Supervisors to look at if they wanted.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 9th, 2025, at the Dead Lake Township Hall.

Having no further Township business to conduct, Kirchenwitz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ard seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:13p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Dawn Lueders, Clerk

Approved:

Justin Kirchenwitz, Chairperson

Date Range : 5/13/2025 To 5/31/2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Detail</u>
05/30/2025	Menards, Inc.	RUP W & G killer concentrate 64 ounce, paper towels, angle brrom with dust pan	9929	\$257.64			
					100-41940-405-36	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$241.36
					201-43101-215-36	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$16.28
05/16/2025	Boyer Ford Trucks, Inc	2022 Western Omaha Orange Elite Plow Truck	9930*	\$289,900.00			
					411-43126-449-380	Road and Bridge Equipment	\$229,900.00
					201-43126-449-380	Road and Bridge Equipment	\$60,000.00
Total For Selected Claims				\$290,157.64			\$290,157.64



Dave Ellingson

Town Supervisor

6/9/25

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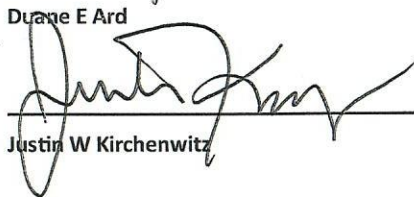


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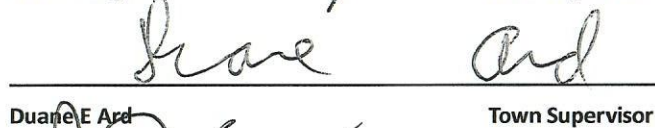
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06/02/2025	Amazon	toner for printers	9931	\$138.00	100-41901-201-	Other General Government	\$138.00
06/03/2025	Arvig	Internet monthly fee	9932	\$86.95	100-49141-325-36	General Gov't Building and Plant Parking Lots	\$86.95
06/03/2025	Amazon	toner for printers	9933	\$447.06	100-41901-201-	Other General Government	\$447.06
06/05/2025	United Community Bank	loan payment for June	9934	\$1,000.00	285-41501-602- 285-41501-612-	Financial Administration Financial Administration	\$920.28 \$79.72
06/05/2025	Amazon	toner for printers	9935	\$686.89	100-41901-201-	Other General Government	\$686.89
06/05/2025	Amazon	case of printer paper	9936	\$44.99	100-41901-201-	Other General Government	\$44.99
06/09/2025	Lake Region Electric Coop	Electric Bill - May 2025	9937	\$61.44	100-41940-381-49	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$61.44
06/09/2025	Wells Construction MN LLC	tree service for May 2025	9938	\$4,500.00	201-43101-447-	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$4,500.00
06/09/2025	Tires LLC	repair right front drive tire and 24 inch O-ring for grader	9939	\$157.50	201-43126-221-31	Road and Bridge Equipment	\$157.50
06/09/2025	Lakes Area Truck Repair Inc	graphite, grease and lubricant for grader	9940	\$142.34	201-43126-221-31	Road and Bridge Equipment	\$142.34
06/09/2025	Jake's Welding LLC	lawn mowing for May	9941	\$240.00	100-41940-409-46	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$240.00

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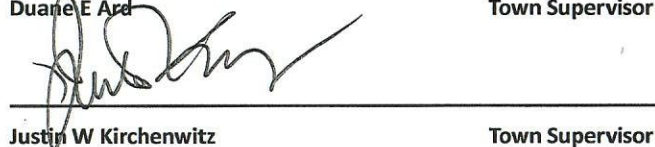
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06/09/2025	Perham Area EMS	first half of 2025 financial contribution	9942	\$19,126.00	230-42153-317-	Ambulance Services	\$19,126.00
06/09/2025	Minnesota Revenue	State Withholding tax June 2025	9945	\$108.26	100-41950-172-	Tax Payments	\$108.26
06/09/2025	Internal Revenue Service	Federal Withholding June 2025	9946	\$671.01	100-41950-122- 100-41950-174- 100-41950-135- 100-41950-175- 100-41950-171-	Tax Payments Tax Payments Tax Payments Tax Payments Tax Payments	\$203.61 \$203.61 \$47.62 \$47.62 \$168.55
06/09/2025	PERA	Withholding for June PERA 2025	9947	\$361.78	100-41950-121- 100-41950-173-	Tax Payments Tax Payments	\$193.81 \$167.97
Total For Selected Claims				\$27,772.22			\$27,772.22


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