

Dead Lake Township
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Richville, MN 56576

Dead Lake Township Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2026

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 twelve visitors in the audience. (see attached sheet)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Monthly Meeting Minutes: Supervisors reviewed the June 2026 minutes. A motion was made by Ard and seconded by Ellingson to approve the June 2026 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Trosdahl reported the figures for June 2026 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 85,815.79
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 274,187.19
Township Equipment Fund	\$ 12,772.64
Fire Fund	\$ 4,336.16
EMS Fund	\$ 4,743.72
Verizon Lease Payment	\$ <u>1,295.42</u>
Total	\$ 383,150.92

Ard made a motion to approve the June 2026 Financial Report. The second was made by Ellingson. Motion passed unanimously. Trosdahl reported that a total of \$3,889.03 was received during June 2026.

Bills for July: Lueders presented the bills for July 2026 to the Supervisors. After reviewing the bills, a motion was made by Ard and seconded by Ellingson to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Ditch Mowing: The first time of ditch mowing has been completed. The second mowing will be around the first week in August.

Ditch Spraying: The ditch spraying has been done.

Lake Region culvert damage: Ard reported that the culvert has been repaired and looks good.

NEW BUSINESS

Hydrant in the shop: Kirchenwitz reported that we received a bid to have a hydrant installed in the shop so the plow truck can be sprayed to keep the salt off in the winter. The quote from Steve Nash & Sons Well Drilling was \$3005.98. Kirchenwitz made a motion to approve the project and Ard seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

340th Street: Mike Holstrom and Rick Pulford, Supervisors from Amor Township, were at the meeting to discuss a section of 340th Street that is a shared maintenance road with Dead Lake Township. Holstrom said rain comes off Olson's driveway and runs across the road. Kirchenwitz said he looked it over before the meeting and it is not a good situation. Amor would like to figure something out with Dead Lake to fix the issue. Holstrom said one option is to clean out the ditch some. The ditch is on the Dead Lake side of the road. Kirchenwitz suggested that Dead Lake look at the situation and see what could be done. Pulford asked if it could be sloped so the water goes to the north towards the ditch instead of out on the road. Amor would like to see more of a crown on the road. After some discussion it was decided between the Supervisors from both Townships that Amor would haul in some fill and get in touch with Ard to have Dead Lake blade it once the fill is brought in. Holstrom said the blading and snowplowing arrangement seems to be working well with Amor doing the odd years and Dead Lake doing the even years so to continue with that.

Govern Road, Govern Trail and 360th Street: There were ten residents from Govern Road, and Govern Trail in attendance to talk about the asphalt breaking up situation and that these residents do not want 360th Street returned to gravel. There were no residents from 360th Street at the meeting. Roger Cullen stated that with the investment that the landowners have made they don't like the option of the rumor of the road being returned to gravel.

Jeff Detloff from Egret Road was wondering about chloride on Egret Road. Kirchenwitz told him there is a petition process in the spring to fill out if they want chloride where the resident pays half and the township pays half.

Kirchenwitz stated that he did some research and reached out to the MAT attorney on what is legal and what the board can legally do. If the board wanted to tear up a road and re-pave the road, that would have to be included in the levy which is set at the annual meeting in March. Kirchenwitz said he felt the residents would have a hard time convincing everyone in the township to pay for 360th Street being paved for a second time. Kirchenwitz stated that looking back on the minutes there were issues with soft spots right from the start. The road was not prepared properly underneath the tar. The township has paid lots of money on these three roads when the paving was done. At the time when the residents wanted these roads paved the board was assured that the township would not incur any expense with the asphalt job, however, the township ended up paying for the landowners that were able to opt out of paying their assessed amount. Since these roads have been paved, the township has spent well over \$100,000 just on upkeep and patch jobs for the three roads. Kirchenwitz stated that the landowners should have been reassessed every time there was a repair done to the road. The board's plan is to keep the asphalt as long as possible.

Lynn Imsdahl stated that County Hwy 14 right past 360th Street was just done. L. Imsdahl said she thinks \$1,190 to install two slow down signs was too expensive. R. Cullen talked about if 360th Street goes back to gravel would not be good as the gravel patches now are uneven, rough, and unsafe for people travelling on that road. Ard explained that the township has patched some spots in the past and they don't last because the base underneath is not good. Bruce Imsdahl wanted to know when the last time there was patching done. Kirchenwitz explained the last few patch jobs that have been done. R. Cullen stated that if Govern Road and Govern Trail could continue to be maintained that would help. There was discussion that if 360th Street ended up in gravel the board would consider the possibility to do chloride on that road.

Deb Cullen asked why the township didn't reassess the property owners for the repairs that have been done. D. Cullen stated that according to the Road Policies and Standards on the website, the township was only responsible to pay for anything that was wider than the road. Kirchenwitz stated that first, none of the current board members were on the board at the time these roads were paved so they were unaware of that stipulation. Kirchenwitz also stated that none of the people in attendance are landowners on 360th Street, so the board is not sure if landowners that do not live on the road can legally be assessed for repairs that are not on their road of residence. Most of the landowners on 360th Street were able to opt out the first time so they would again opt out and leave the township paying for the road repairs. The residents that were in attendance were all in favor of their properties being assessed for repaving 360th Street. B. Imsdahl asked what the cost of the two patch jobs on 360th Street that are going to be done will cost. Kirchenwitz said roughly \$18,000. B. Imsdahl asked how many quotes the board got for fixing the roads.

Govern Road, Govern Trail and 360th Street (cont.): Kirchenwitz stated that the board went with the same company that did the last patch job that has held up well. Kirchenwitz said that prices for asphalt has gone up. About three years ago, the board got a quote to tear up the swamp part of 360th Street, rebuild the base correctly and re-pave that section. That section alone was well over \$300,000 and that is just part of 360th Street. Kirchenwitz said the board would be willing to investigate what it would take to redo the road and assess landowners not on 360th Street. D. Cullen said she would like to know the cost to patch the swampy section of 360th correctly and what the cost would be to re-asphalt all 360th Street. R. Cullen thanked the board for listening. He said he knew there wouldn't be a solution the first time but there is a place to start. B. Imsdahl said he feels that if the swampy area were redone, the residents would be willing to pay for it. Kirchenwitz said that the board would need some time to get prices and find out the situation on assessing the cost back to the residents on Govern Road and Govern Trail. Kirchenwitz made a motion to add the asphalt patch job on Govern Road to our existing patch jobs for 360th Street this summer. Ellingson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Prepaid LP for Winter: The Supervisors discussed the LP contract with Lakes Area Community Cooperative. Usually the contract is for 1000 gallons and the prepaid amount this year is \$1.60 per gallon. Ard asked how much we have used in the last couple years. Lueders stated that they delivered about 700 gallons the last two winters. LACC was just out and filled the tank using the contracted amount from last year, so there is currently about 227 gallons left on our prepaid account. Ard stated that the board could investigate if the tank is owned by the township. If that is the case, the board could shop around for better prices if they are available. Ard made a motion to contract 475 gallons at the \$1.60 per gallon price so there will be a total of 700 gallons of LP contracted for this year. Kirchenwitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

State Demographic Report: The state demographic report Dead Lake's population for 2026 is 566 with 252 households. In 2025 the report was a population of 559 and 249 households.

Calendar Items: Lueders stated that the primary election will be taking place on August 11th from 7am-8pm at the town hall.

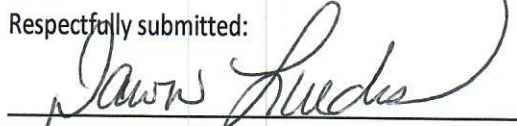
Housekeeping Items: There were no housekeeping items.

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

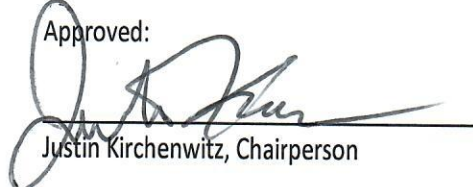
The next regular Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 10th, 2026, at the Dead Lake Township Hall.

Having no further Township business to conduct, Kirchenwitz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ard seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:06p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Dawn Lueders, Clerk

Approved:


Justin Kirchenwitz, Chairperson

Date Range : 7/21/2026 To 7/31/2026

<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>
07/21/2026	Amazon	External Hard drive for Clerk	10179	\$118.52			
					100-41425-209-	Clerk	\$118.52
Total For Selected Claims				\$118.52			\$118.52

Dave Ellingson

Town Supervisor

8/10/26

Date

Duane E. Ard

Town Supervisor

8/10/26

Date

Justin W Kirchenwitz

Town Supervisor

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08/03/2026	Arvig	Internet monthly fee for July	10180	\$128.95			
					100-49141-325-36	General Gov't Building and Plant Parking Lots	\$128.95
08/05/2026	United Community Bank	Installment Loan payment for town hall loan	10181	\$1,000.00			
					285-41501-612-285-41501-602-	Financial Administration Financial Administration	\$16.44 \$983.56
08/10/2026	United Community Bank	additional principal payment for town hall loan	10182	\$500.00			
					285-41501-602-	Financial Administration	\$500.00
08/10/2026	Lake Region Electric Coop	Electric Bill - July 2026	10183	\$69.60			
					100-41940-381-49	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$69.60
08/10/2026	Lakes Community Cooperative	848.9 gallons of fuel for shop @ 4.19 per gallon	10184	\$3,472.00			
					201-43101-212-45	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$3,472.00
08/10/2026	Lakes Community Cooperative	prepay for LP contract 473 gallons @ \$1.60	10185	\$756.80			
					100-41940-217-43	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$756.80
08/10/2026	PERA	Withholding for August PERA 2026	10189	\$232.96			
					100-41950-121-100-41950-173-	Tax Payments Tax Payments	\$124.80 \$108.16
08/10/2026	Internal Revenue Service	Federal Withholding August 2026	10190	\$480.56			
					100-41950-174-100-41950-175-100-41950-122-100-41950-135-100-41950-171-	Tax Payments Tax Payments Tax Payments Tax Payments Tax Payments	\$154.22 \$36.06 \$154.22 \$36.06 \$100.00

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08/10/2026	Minnesota Revenue	State Withholding tax August 2026	10191	\$47.97			
					100-41950-172-	Tax Payments	\$47.97
08/10/2026	Performance Paving & Sealcoating, L	2 asphalt patches on 360th and one asphalt patch on Govern Trail	10192	\$30,143.00			
					201-43101-407-801	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$17,551.00
					201-43101-407-706	Highways, Streets & Roadways	\$12,592.00
08/10/2026	Jake's Welding LLC	lawn mowing for town hall and access	10193	\$310.00			
					100-41940-409-46	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$160.00
					100-41940-409-719	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$150.00

Total For Selected Claims

\$37,141.84

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