

**Warsaw Township
Township Board Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Egland called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Duwain Egland, Larry Madsen, Diane McCorkell, Darla Frandrup and Road Supervisor: Bob Flom

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Supervisor Madsen to approve the minutes as read; Supervisor Egland seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Sheriffs Department Updates

The Sheriff's Department reported no significant updates. Recent activity has primarily involved traffic stops. Residents were advised to remain alert for suspicious vehicles and potential theft activity. A recent theft involving copper from irrigation equipment was noted. Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious activity.

Permit Questions

Laura Zerby (Kohn/Hooker Property)

A request was presented regarding a variance previously granted to Stuart and Deborah Kohn for property located at: 3515 County 49 Boulevard East, Dennison, MN 55018 Parcel No. 45.034.0900

The variance, approved in 2016, authorized construction of a new home with a setback reduction from 1,000 feet to 800 feet from the nearest neighboring residence due to the property's landscape and topography.

Motion by Supervisor Madsen and seconded by Supervisor Egland that the 2016 variance remain with and transfer with the property. Motion carried.

Jeni Becht – Agritourism/Farm Experience Proposal

Jeni Becht addressed the Board regarding plans to develop agritourism activities on property located at:

36610 County 24 Boulevard
Warsaw Township

Ms. Becht explained that she and her family would like to offer farm-based experiences for families, including educational opportunities involving miniature livestock and other agricultural activities. They have consulted with Goodhue County staff and various county departments regarding the proposal.

Planned activities would primarily consist of small, family-oriented experiences, generally involving fewer than 16 participants. They are also interested in hosting occasional private gatherings of approximately 30–40 people, such as baby showers and flower-picking events, as part of a broader farm experience.

Improvements already completed include expanded parking and additional gravel surfacing. Discussions have also occurred regarding restroom requirements and zoning considerations.

The property is zoned A-1 Agricultural Protection. Under the Warsaw Township Zoning Ordinance, special event uses may occur without a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) only when:

- No fee is charged;
- Events occur no more than four times annually; and
- Attendance is fewer than 300 people.

Because the proposed activities would involve fees and recurring events, a Conditional Use Permit would likely be required. Permitted conditional or interim uses within the A-1 Agricultural Protection District include:

- Educational Farm Retreats; and
- Agritourism activities.

The ordinance defines agritourism as the practice of visiting an agricultural operation, including farms, orchards, vineyards, wineries, greenhouses, hunting preserves, companion animal facilities, or livestock operations for educational purposes or active involvement in the operation, other than as a contractor or employee.

The Board advised that the first step in pursuing a CUP would be outreach to neighboring property owners, as neighborhood support is an important consideration during the CUP review process. If they decide to move forward with the CUP they will present the application and fee at the July meeting.

Burke Property

Discussion was held regarding a property owner interested in purchasing the Burke property. The Board advised that a demolition permit would need to be obtained through Goodhue County before the Township could provide approval.

The prospective owner also inquired about constructing a pole shed. The Board indicated that such a structure should not present any concerns, subject to applicable permitting requirements.

Election Training

Clerk Frandrup has emailed the election judges asking about interest in working the 2026 elections and notifying them of the mandatory 2-hour training.

Erickson Engineering Contract for Design of Bridge L9646

Goodhue County is able to complete the initial survey work and provide the data necessary for bridge sizing; however, Warsaw Township will need to contract with Erickson Engineering to perform the bridge sizing and design services. The bridge, located on Goodhue Avenue and identified as Bridge L9646, was constructed in 1976 and is scheduled for replacement in 2028.

Upon execution of the contract, Clerk Frandrup will notify Alex Dicke of Goodhue County so that the survey work can begin. The Supervisors reviewed the proposed agreement from Erickson Engineering for the design of the bridge replacement.

A motion was made by Supervisor Madsen and seconded by Supervisor Madsen to enter into a contract with Erickson Engineering for bridge sizing and design services in the amount of \$50,450.00. All in favor; motion carried. Clerk Frandrup will forward the signed agreement to Erickson Engineering.

August District 4 Meeting

The meeting will include updates from your local Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) District Director, MAT staff, including legal counsel and trainers, as well as discussions on local township issues and other topics of interest. Additional information will be distributed by mail prior to the meeting.

Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Time: Evening (specific time to be announced)

Location: Spring Lake Township Town Hall, 20381 Fairlawn Avenue, Prior Lake, MN

ACCEPT BILLS AND SIGN CHECKS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Egland to adjourn the meeting; Supervisor Madsen seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved on July 13, 2026

Chair Maher, Chairman

Darla Frandrup, Clerk