

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

APPROVED MINUTES

Lovells Township Board: DUNNING, HOPP, KENGEL, NEUMANN, WRIGHT

Attendees: Nancy Simonelli, David Soderquist, Bill Gergosky, Darby Kuenzel, Sally Brand, Jo Johnson, Heather Lovell, Sue Shiflett, Brenda L. Conzett, Ann C. Duby, Whitney Joyce, Jennifer Mosser, Michael Mosser, Eryk Kelley

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL – MEMBERS PRESENT (P), MEMBERS ABSENT (A)

A. Dunning (P), Hopp (P), Kengel (P), Neumann (P), Wright (P); All present

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM August 12, 2025 BOARD MEETING: Neumann motioned to approve, 2nd by Hopp. Ayes; All, Nays; None. Minutes Approved.

IV. APPROVE PREPAID VOUCHERS: Wright motioned to approve vouchers, Neumann 2nd. Ayes; Hopp, Kengel, Neumann, Wright, Dunning. Nays; None. Prepaid vouchers approved.

V. APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT: Accepted as is.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. **Playground Equipment Bad:** Kengel received correspondence from Martha Duby. Two major concerns brought up; apparatus and the merry-go-round basically inoperable. Additionally, Kengel brought up that Douglas Park does need some basic maintenance with the playground. Backboard on basketball court needs to be put up and possibly reseal the asphalt and then paint the parking lot lines. Neumann motioned to have a professional come out and repair playground apparatus, Hopp 2nd. Ayes; All, Nays; None. Motion approved. Motion made by Neumann to have the parks and rec committee investigate replacement for the basketball backboard. 2nd by Dunning. Ayes: Hopp, Kengel, Wright, Dunning. Nays; Neumann. Motion approved. Board to look for asphalt bids in spring.

Kengel stepped out of meeting at 11:04am and returned at 11:06am

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. **Assessing:** Nothing to report.
- B. **Fire Department:** 6 runs; 1 Fire, 5 EMS. In process of purchasing new turn out gear.
- C. **Liquor Inspector:** 3 inspections completed for August 2025
- D. **Zoning Administrator:** 2 zoning permits issued; one for 85 x 32 pole barn and a 2nd for a 29 x 32 new home w/32 x 8 deck.
- E. **Zoning Enforcement Officer:** Focusing on blight and illegal building.

VIII. COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

- A. **Board of Review:** No activity to report.
- B. **Planning Commissions:** Referred to unfinished business.
- C. **Zoning Board of Appeals:** No activity to report.
- D. **Lovells Reading and Media Center:** Received \$250.00 from Bridgewalk event.
- E. **Parks and Recreation Committee:** Meeting held on 8-18. Motion made to approve use of remaining credit at Pro Source and add an additional \$5,000.00 to purchase cedar wrap for shelter. Drilling company suggested a way to have water system working to the best of its abilities. Need a volunteer day to finish the wrap and possible electrical work. Looking into cost for parking bumpers. Next meeting is 9-15-25.
- F. **Historical Society:** Meeting held on 9-8. Windows in schoolhouse are done and quilt arrangement has been rearranged. Ramp will be a spring project. Raffle tickets are still on sale. The rod is looking good and will be raffled off during the Upland event which is getting organized and will be held on 10-18-25. Next meeting 10-13-25.
- G. **Website Committee:** Mainly working with forms and documents. New STR Ordinance along with application for short-term rental licensing is posted on the forms and documents page. Dunning brought up need for a fireproof cabinet to house our older (less than 2015) red books containing meeting minutes. Motion made by Dunning to pursue cost of housing red books and election files. 2nd by Neumann. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion approved.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. STR Update: Wright shared that two interested parties contacted him regarding new STR's. Two viewers expressed concern around new ordinance and that we do not have an STR administrator. Roles and responsibilities for STR administrator are defined and we think Dave Dickensen will be our STR administrator although at this time, he has not been officially hired. We will be publishing a notice in the Avalanche that we are now accepting STR applications once we finalize hiring the administrator.
- B. **Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance (CREO):** Beaver Creek spent last 6 months working on formalizing a standardized ordinance to address solar, wind and potential battery storage in Crawford County. Once completed, the planning commission will hold a public hearing on 10-6-25.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Transfer Station New Hire:** Ralph DeVroy hired to fill in at both transfer stations. Township board agreed that dump guidelines need to be updated for household goods, etc. Need to revamp trash brochure and recyclables.
- B. **Snow plow contract bids for 2025/26:** Bids to be published in the paper for snowplowing in 2025/26.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. **New representative for retirement:** Township board unhappy with current pension representative. Met with a potential new administrator who will be scheduling a follow up meeting in October.
- B. **Draft Fire/EMS and Landfill Budgets FY 2025/26:** Township board discussed possible savings account for departmental capital expenditures. Appointment will be made with CPA to see if this will work legally for township budget.
- C. **Fick & Sons Propane Quotation:** Fick provided a fixed price for propane at \$1.59/gallon for 2025/26. Motion made by Neumann to accept propane bid of \$1.59/gallon, Wright 2nd. Ayes: All, Nays; None. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Entered at 11:18am Closed at 11:38am.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Wright at 11:38am, 2nd by Neumann.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38am.

Next Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Oct 14, 2025 at 10AM – Lovells Township Hall