

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2026

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

- 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.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM December 9, 2025, BOARD MEETING: Motion made by Neumann to approve 12-9-25 meeting minutes as is and 2nd by Hopp. Ayes: All, Nays: None.
- III. **APPROVE PREPAID VOUCHERS:** Motion made by Hopp to accept prepaid vouchers and 2nd by Kengel. Ayes: All, Nays: None.
- IV. **PROFIT AND LOSS REPORT:** Reviewed.
- V. **APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT:** Motion to accept treasurers report as is made by Wright and 2nd by Hopp. Ayes: All, Nays: None
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Assessing: Nothing to report
 - B. Fire Department: Dec 2025 - 6 medical calls, 2025 – 99 total calls; 53 fire and 46 medical. 2024 – 110 total calls; 30 fire and 80 medical, down 11 runs from 2024. Heather Lovell emphasized appreciation for EMS response and urged better pay for first responders to improve retention. Concerns raised regarding low wages compared to other townships. Significant complaints about poor snow removal on weekends/holidays; roads were icy and hazardous. EMS confirmed Lovells Township roads were among the worst during snow events. Staffing shortages and long shifts for plow drivers noted.
 - C. Liquor Inspector: 3 Liquor inspections completed for December. All good.
 - D. Zoning Administrator: No zoning permits issued
 - E. Zoning Enforcement Officer: 6 short-term rental (STR) revocations due to property sales. STR enforcement is ongoing.
- VII. **COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS**
 - A. Board of Review: Preparing for March sessions; training scheduled for February. Seeking an alternate member for the Board of Review.
 - B. Planning Commissions: Meeting occurred without one member; no major updates.
 - C. Zoning Board of Appeals: Nothing to report.
 - D. Lovells Reading and Media Center: Nothing to report.
 - E. Parks and Recreation Committee: Nothing to report.
 - F. Historical Society: Planning 2026 events; partnering with Trout Unlimited for a youth event and seeking donations. Upcoming events: Jan 29: SAAB presentation, Feb 12: Author Louie Johnson talk (memoir-related).
 - G. Technology Update: Renamed from “Website Committee” to “Technology Committee.” First community poll complete; future polls planned monthly. Exploring emergency alert systems for wildfires, road closures, and other local emergencies.
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Lovells Township Motions, Resolutions and Ordinances Policy and Procedures: Adopted Policy on Motions, Resolutions, and Ordinances (Policy 26-1-13). Motion made by Dunning to adopt policy and procedures for Lovells Township, 2nd by Hopp. Ayes; All, Nays; None
 - B. General and Liquor Budgets: Discussed new voting machine mandate (~\$20,000 cost; grant applications planned).
 - C. Elected Officers Salaries: To be discussed during the next board meeting.

- D. KCI Bill Approval: Approved KC I proposal for mailing assessment notices. Motion to accept proposal from KCI made by Kengel and 2nd by Neumann. Ayes; All, Nays; None.
- E. IRS Mileage Increase of \$0.70 to \$0.725 - Neuman motioned to approve mileage reimbursement from \$0.70/mile to \$0.725/mile effective April 1, 2026, and 2nd by Dunning. Ayes; All, Nays, None. Wright motioned to accept a COLA increase of 2.8% for all wages effective April 1, 2026, and 2nd by Hopp. Ayes; All, Nays; None.
- F. Board Meeting Dates: Discussed and will be updated to include all township meetings.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Election Equipment: FOIA request for election records received; cost-sharing required. Early voting legislation (9 days in August and November) will increase workload. Audit completed with minor issues (training timing, password security, seal handling).
- B. Goals: Emergency contact system implementation. Fire department budget review. Transfer station improvements. The clerk's office noted heavy workload due to new election laws.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Entered at 11:04am Closed at 11:13am

Motion to close meeting by Neumann

Meeting closed at 11:13am

Next Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Feb 10, 2026, at 10AM – Lovells Township Hall