

**Special Meeting Minutes
February 21st, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Gierke at 10:15 AM

Present: Lynn Gierke, Curt Judson, Bethany Baetsen

Absent: Dan Palosaari, Andrea Aho

Board members discussed interviews with prospective part-time DPW employees. Motion by Bethany Baetsen to offer Jay Federocko \$18/hr as a temporary on-call position with hours TBD by the Lead DPW Craig Austin, supported by Curt Judson, MC. A motion was made by Curt Judson to offer the position to Mike Browning as the township's first choice and then Matthew Thomas as the township's second choice at \$20/hour, supported by Lynn Gierke, MC. Bethany Baetsen will communicate with MERS to determine what hour threshold for part-time seasonal employees requires contributions.

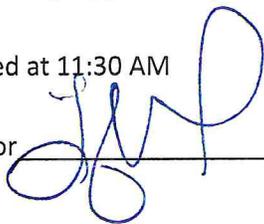
The Board then discussed the need for a new/used DPW plow truck. Craig Austin discussed options. Bethany Baetsen made a motion to approve the purchase of a DPW truck and plow with the spending limit of \$68,000, supported by Curt Judson, MC.

Lynn Gierke discussed additional materials needed for the RD loan application which includes a LEP policy and a formal engagement letter with the township auditor. Bethany Baetsen made a motion to adopt the LEP Policy, supported by Curt Judson, MC.

Lynn Gierke made a motion to approve the letter of Engagement from Value Core (previously Rukkila & Negro) for the 25/26 audit, supported by Bethany Baetsen, MC.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM

Lynn Gierke, Supervisor



Bethany Baetsen, Clerk

