

**Lynden Township, Stearns County
Monthly Meeting
Proposed Agenda**

Monday, July 6, 2026 7:00PM

- A. Call the Meeting to Order**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Review for Approval July 6, 2026 Meeting Agenda**
- D. Review for Approval June 1 Meeting Minutes**
- E. Review for Approval June 2026 Treasurer's Report**

I. Unfinished Business

- 1. Subdivision Ordinance No #8 review
- 2. 2025 Stearns Annual Bridge Inspection
- 3. Mailbox Support Installation Request Form
- 4.

II. New Business

- 1. Dead End Signs – 222nd Ave and 3rd Street
- 2. Tree Removal 17th Ave
- 3. Resolution 2026-05 Appointing Election Judges
- 4. Dust Control / Guard Rail spraying
- 5.
- 6.

III. Review Building Permits

IV. Review Driveway and Right of Way Permits Issued

V. Planning and Zoning Updates, IT Updates

VI. Review Correspondence

VII. Review Bills and Claims for Approval

VIII. Meeting Dates

- 1. Planning Commission – as needed
- 2. Monthly Meeting – Monday, August 3, 7:00 p.m.

IX. Adjourn

*Agenda is Subject to Change in Content and/or Sequence

**LYNDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING IN PERSON
JUNE 1, 2026**

Those present at the Lynden Township Hall were Supervisors Todd Voigt and Scott O'Konek, Clerk Kelli Schuh, and Appointed Treasurer Jean Schermer. James Kantor, Planning Administrator, was also present. Vice-Chair Voigt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda: Voigt asked if there were any changes to the agenda from the Board or public. An administrative split application for Stier was added. Voigt made a motion to approve the amended agenda; seconded by O'Konek, all in favor, motion passed.

Board Meeting Minutes: The May 4 Board Meeting Minutes, May 28 Voss Public Hearing Minutes, and May 28 Geyen Public Hearing Minutes were reviewed for approval. Voigt made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by O'Konek, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: The report prepared by Appointed Treasurer Schermer was reviewed. Receipts totaled \$15,281.33; Disbursements totaled \$49,544.70; Ending Balance \$891,670.77. Voigt made a motion to accept the May 2026 Treasurer's report and authorize the board to sign the CTAS forms including the claims list, net pay account distribution, and cash control statements; seconded by O'Konek, all in favor, motion passed.

Stearns County Deputy Thunstedt, Quarterly Visit: Deputy Thunstedt reviewed activity reports for Lynden Township for March (43 calls), April (43 calls) and May (67 calls). No specific requests for services requested from the Board or public

Administrative Split Application Stier 723 Cascade Rd PID 19.10377.0015: The Planning Commission performed a site visit on April 20, 2026 and met that same day to review the application. At that meeting, the planning commission unanimously recommended approval of the administrative subdivision and to issue a Certificate of Compliance. O'Konek made a motion to approve the administrative subdivision and sign a Certificate of Compliance; seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed. The approved, final signed Certificate of Compliance was provided to Stier with a copy retained by the clerk.

Planning Commission Reappointment: Voigt made a motion to reappoint Greg Halverson to a 3-year term, seconded by O'Konek, all in favor, motion passed. Term expires 2029.

Annual IT Inventory: Spreadsheet provided to staff to confirm inventory is correct. There is an addition of one new laptop that will need to be recorded as soon as the laptop is in service.

Town Hall valuation inspection: An inspection to determine valuation will be performed on the townhall on Wednesday, June 3. This is for renewal of our CLC coverage through MATIT.

Mailbox Support Installation Request Form: The clerk proposed implementing a form for mailbox and 911 installation and replacement requests. A mockup form was provided to the board. Tabled until July to give the board time to review the form.

MAT CTAS Training: O’Konek made a motion to authorize the Clerk, Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer to attend the MAT CTAs training in St. Micheal on June 23 and be reimbursed at the hourly rate and mileage, seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed.

Subdivision Ordinance No #8 Review: No discussion held on agenda item. Tabled to July.

Township Clean-up Review: Treasurer Schermer gave a summary of the results of the 2026 clean-up day. Discussions held regarding improvements for 2027.

2025 Stearns Annual Bridge Inspection: Bridge L9896, which is on 200th Street E, had some deficiencies that need to be addressed: Replace the end treatment on the SW corner of the guardrail due to impact damage. Also remove the beaver dam present at the inlet side of the culvert. Schultz-Ludenia will facilitate the repairs. Item will remain on the agenda until repairs have been confirmed.

Variance Application Ryan Voss 18609 Dover Rd PID 19.10749.0000: The escrow account related to the variance application that was approved at the May 28, 2026 public hearing was reviewed by the board. O’Konek made a motion to return the \$500 escrow deposit to Ryan Voss, seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed. A check will be cut at the July 6 meeting.

Variance Application Dan & Susan Geyen 18573 Dover Rd PID 19.10752.0000: The escrow account related to the variance application that was approved at the May 28, 2026 public hearing was reviewed by the board. O’Konek made a motion to return the \$500 escrow deposit to Dan & Sue Geyen, seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed. A check will be cut at the July 6 meeting.

Building permits: 9 building permits were issued by Building Inspector Nancy Scott for the month of May. There are a total of 19 building permits issued in 2026 and 2 new single-family home, with an overall 2026 valuation of \$4,004,500 per Scott’s report.

Right of Way Work Permits and Driveway Permits: 0 ROW, 2 Driveway

Planning and Zoning Update: No updates

Correspondence was reviewed which included:

- Xcel Energy notice to counties and municipalities regarding upcoming public hearings for a requested rate increase
- SCES Board of Adjustment decision for a variance request at 18573 Dover Road, Clearwater MN PID#19.10752.0000
- Stearns Dept of Highways 2025 annual bridge Inspection results
- Stearns Dept of Highways Reinstallation of mailbox notice

- MAT appointment of Ellsburg Township Supervisor John Upton to represent District 10 on the MAT Board

Review Bills and Claims for Approval:

- Voigt made a motion to approve bills and claims, utilizing check numbers 9307 through 9329, seconded by O’Konek, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting Dates:

- Planning Commission – as needed
- Couri and Ruppe Township Legal Seminar – June 25, Albertville City Hall
- Monthly Meeting – July 6, 7:00 p.m.

O’Konek made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Schuh, Clerk

Todd Voigt, Vice-Chair

For the Period : 6/1/2026 To 7/1/2026

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Less Deposits In Transit</u>	<u>Plus Outstanding Checks</u>	<u>Total Per Bank Statement</u>
General Fund	\$31,149.69	\$69,902.69	\$43,559.66	\$57,492.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$57,492.72
Road and Bridge	\$537,671.70	\$130,728.26	\$71,915.26	\$596,484.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$596,484.70
Federal Grants - COVID	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annandale Fire Fund	\$9,280.46	\$6,304.78	\$0.00	\$15,585.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,585.24
Tarring Fund	\$216,999.92	\$134,087.95	\$0.00	\$351,087.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$351,087.87
Clearwater Fire Fund	\$96,569.00	\$37,314.38	\$0.00	\$133,883.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$133,883.38
Total	\$891,670.77	\$378,338.06	\$115,474.92	\$1,154,533.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,154,533.91

<u>Jaime Schultz-Ludenia</u>	<u>Town Supervisor</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Scott M O'Konek</u>	<u>Town Supervisor</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Todd Roger Voigt</u>	<u>Town Supervisor</u>	<u>Date</u>

For the payroll period ending: 07/31/2026

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Employee #</u>	<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100-41110-103-			493.34
			388.56
			881.90
100-41425-103-			864.34
			864.34
100-41510-103-	37		628.67
			628.67
100-41910-103-	31		1,190.10
			1,190.10
100-41110-103			
Unallocated (Due to rounding)			\$0.00
			\$3,565.01

Jaime Schultz-Ludenia

Town Supervisor

Date

Scott M O'Konek

Town Supervisor

Date

Todd Roger Voigt

Town Supervisor

Date

Date Range : 7/1/2026 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>
07/02/2026	IRS	July withholding	50435	6705.71			\$193.04 \$45.14 \$29.42 \$125.78 \$31.12 \$133.06 \$89.68 \$20.98 \$83.11 \$34.88
07/02/2026	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	July 2026 withholdings	50436				\$56.95 \$33.60
07/02/2026	PERA	July 2026 retirement	50437				\$106.84 \$87.15 \$192.00 \$72.00
Total For Selected Claims							\$1,334.75

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Scott M O'Konek	Town Supervisor	Date
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7/06/2026	AllSpec Services, LLC	June 2026	2489	\$6,672.20	100-42401-300-	Building Inspections Administration	\$6,672.20
7/06/2026	City of Annandale	Township Fire Contract 2026	2490	\$16,055.00	225-42220-300-	Fire Fighting	\$16,055.00
7/06/2026	City of Clearwater	1st Half of 2026 Fire Services Invoice #162	2491	\$32,924.80	230-42220-300-	Fire Fighting	\$32,924.80
7/06/2026	Knife River Corp-North Central	C1 Agg - Invoices 1171111, 1171868, 1173273, 1173801, 1174091, 1174469, 1174470	2492	\$110,385.78	201-43122-224- 201-43122-312- 201-43122-313- 201-43122-212-	Unpaved Streets Unpaved Streets Unpaved Streets Unpaved Streets	\$47,414.46 \$14,804.79 \$37,322.53 \$10,844.00
7/06/2026	MATIT Mn Association of Twp Insur T	Liability Consolidated Coverage Invoice 16630 Policy Number J1186CLC26	2493	\$2,869.00	100-49201-160-	Unallocated Expenditures	\$2,869.00
7/06/2026	M-R Sign Company	Invoice 231440 Stop Signs, Axle Weight Limit Signs, Posts	2494	\$1,522.23	201-43110-226- 201-43110-212-	Road Maintenance Road Maintenance	\$1,446.72 \$75.51
7/06/2026	Minden Transfer Station - 4561	Republic Invoice 4561-000006309 Customer 4-4561-0333381 Ticket 1114056 Mattress disposal	2495	\$130.85	100-43230-300-	Waste (Refuse) Collection	\$130.85

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7/06/2026	Minnesota Dep of Labor & Industry	2026 2nd Quarter building surcharge report Confirmation # PS2606-0058	2496	\$2,009.27			
7/06/2026	Kelli Schuh	June 2026 Mileage	2497	\$58.00	100-42401-311-	Building Inspections Administration	\$2,009.27
7/06/2026	Smart Excavating LLC	Invoice 1003 Grading & Brushing	2498	\$33,000.00	100-41425-331-	Clerk	\$58.00
7/06/2026	Stearns Electric Association	Account 3361111 Lynden Town Hall Utilities x 6 months	2499	\$450.00	201-43122-312- 201-43110-314-	Unpaved Streets Road Maintenance	\$27,037.50 \$5,962.50
7/06/2026	Waste Management	Customer: Lynden Township Invoices 7445189-1767-2 & 7447964-1767-6 Clean-up Day	2500	\$3,992.63	100-41940-381-	General Government Buildings and Plant	\$450.00
7/06/2026	Waste Management	Customer: Lynden Township Invoice 7447964-1767-6 Service Period: 06/01/26 - 06/30/26	2501	\$4,354.91	100-43240-300- 100-43240-212-	Waste (Refuse) Disposal Waste (Refuse) Disposal	\$3,727.44 \$265.19
7/06/2026	Ryan Voss	Variance Escrow Refund - Ryan Voss	2502	\$500.00	100-43230-384- 100-43230-212-	Waste (Refuse) Collection Waste (Refuse) Collection	\$3,996.03 \$358.88
7/06/2026	Suzanne Geyen	Variance Escrow refund - Dan & Sue Geyen	2503	\$500.00	100-41910-810-	Planning and Zoning	\$500.00

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					100-41910-810-	Planning and Zoning	\$500.00
Total For Selected Claims				\$215,424.67			\$215,424.67

Jaime Schultz-Ludenia	Town Supervisor	Date
Scott O'Konek	Town Supervisor	Date
Todd Voigt	Town Supervisor	Date

BUILDING PERMIT SUMMARY

PERMIT #	DATE	OWNER / LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	VALUATION
20-26	6/4/26	Brock Trentland 278 Alder Road	Move in Dwelling on permanent foundation	75,000.00
21-26	6/10/26	Craig Grossinger 2335 200 th St. E.	Patio Door	1,000.00
22-26	6/17/26	Charles Koehler 882 Belview Road	Dwelling & Garage	450,000.00
23-26	6/4/26	Jennifer Bretscher 18529 Dover Road	Reshingle	1,000.00
24-26	6/30/26	Jared Dahnke 21123 Franklin Road	Addition / Remodel	200,000.00
25-26	6/30/26	Dave Helgett 18137 CR 44	Relocate existing garage	10,000.00

Total Permits This Month **6**

Total Permits Year-To-Date **25**

Total Single Family This Month **2**

Total Single Family Year-To-Date **4**

Total Valuation This Month **737,000.00**

Total Valuation Year-To-Date **4,741,500.00**

BUILDING PERMIT FEE SUMMARY

June 2026

PERMIT #	PERMIT FEE	PLAN REVIEW FEE	SURCHARGE	TOTAL
20-26	450.00	642.50	37.50	1,130.00
21-26	25.00	0.00	1.00	26.00
22-26	2,700.00	1,755.00	225.00	4,680.00
23-26	25.00	0.00	1.00	26.00
24-26	1,200.00	780.00	100.00	2,080.00
25-26	60.00	39.00	5.00	104.00
TOTALS	4,460.00	3,216.50	369.50	8,046.004

PLUMBING PERMIT SUMMARY

June 2026

PERMIT #	DATE	APPLICANT / ADDRESS	SURCHARGE	AMOUNT
10-26p	6/30/26	Leaf Home Solutions 16855 CR 144	1.00	40.00
		TOTAL	1.00	40.00

MECHANICAL PERMIT SUMMARY

June 2026

PERMIT #	DATE	APPLICANT / ADDRESS	SURCHARGE	AMOUNT
10-26m	6/30/26	Deans Home Service 237 Alder Road	1.00	43.00
11-26m	6/30/26	David Vaerst 21566 8 th Ave.	1.00	40.00
		TOTAL	2.00	83.00

Planning & Zoning Permits

June 2026

Contruction Site Permits

Permit #	Date	Parcel ID#	Owner / Applicant	Address	Project
CSP2606001	6/2/2026	19.10484.0030	Jared Dahnke	21123 Franklin Road, Clearwater, MN 55320	Addition
CSP2606002	6/29/2026	19.10598.0500	Todd Janski	18137 County Road 44, Clearwater, MN	Moving garage

Driveway Approach Permits

Permit #	Date	Parcel ID#	Owner / Applicant	Address	Road Accessed
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Stearns County
Minnesota

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387
Phone: (320) 656-3613
StearnsCountyMN.gov

DATE: May 28, 2026

TO: Property Owners Within 500 Feet of Affected Property
Chairperson, Supervisors, and Clerk of Lynden Township
Long & Crooked Lake Association
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

FROM: Stearns County Board of Adjustment

What is being considered?

To consider a request from **Suzanne and Daniel Geyen, Clearwater, MN**, from the Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439, to construct a detached accessory structure less than 200 feet from Long Lake classified Natural Environment. **Affected Property:** Lots 3 and 4, Lumley Addition, Section 8, T122N R27W of Lynden Township. **Property Address: 18573 Dover Road, Clearwater, MN.**

When and where is the meeting?

Date and Time: Thursday, June 11, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.
Location: Stearns County Service Center, Room 1104
3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387

How do I participate?

Public Testimony: If you would like to provide public testimony, you may do so by appearing at the above hearing. You are invited to do so by attending said hearing in person or by joining virtually. To participate virtually, please contact Jamie Lucas at jamie.lucas@stearnscountymn.gov or by calling 320-656-3613 by noon on the Wednesday preceding the meeting date.

Written Testimony: You may submit written testimony by emailing jamie.lucas@stearnscountymn.gov by 3 PM on the hearing date. Written testimony may also be mailed to the Stearns County Environmental Services Department, Service Center, 3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387

Comments on this public hearing are not limited to those persons receiving copies of this notice. If you know of any interested person who for any reason has not received a copy of this notice, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this public hearing.

Where can I view the application?

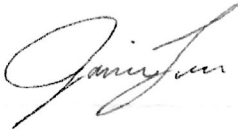
Copies of the applications can be viewed approximately one week prior to the meeting at <https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/>. Action taken on this request will be available shortly after the meeting at the same website location.

What if the meeting changes?

This meeting is subject to change. Please sign up for automatic updates for this meeting at <https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/>. Call the Department for assistance.

Sincerely,

Stearns County Board of Adjustment

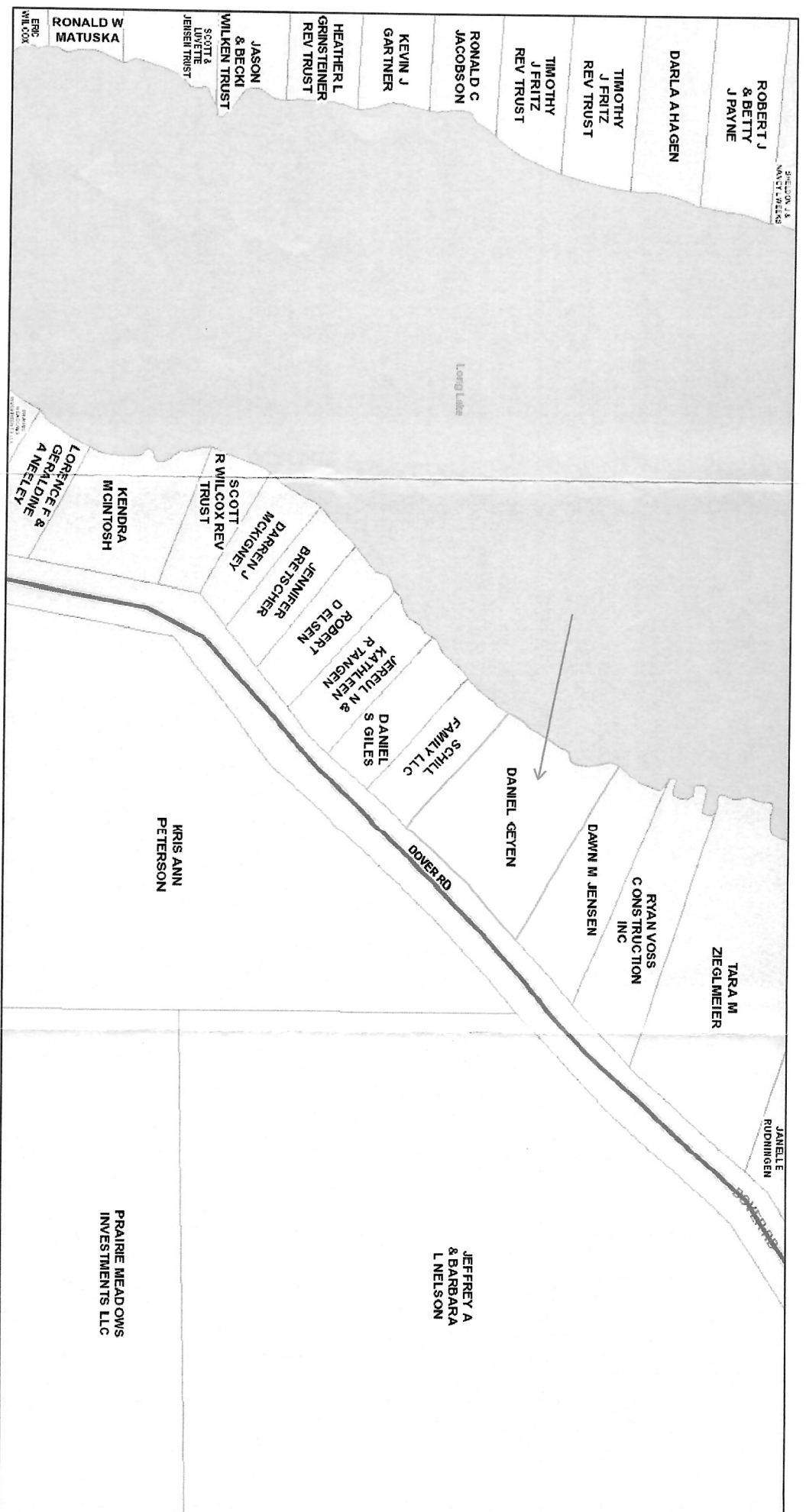


Jamie Lucas, Environmental Specialist

Barrier Free Status: This meeting will be accessible to the handicapped. Attempts will be made to accommodate any individual need for special services. Please call 320-656-3613 or 800-450-0852 early so necessary arrangements can be made.



GEYEN - 18573 DOVER RD, CLEARWATER





ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387
Phone: (320) 656-3613
StearnsCountyMN.gov

June 15, 2026

Suzanne & Daniel Geyen
18573 Dover RD
Clearwater, MN 55320

Re: Variance File No: P-036445

Dear Applicants,

At the meeting of the Stearns County Board of Adjustment on June 11th 2026, the Board of Adjustment made the following decision:

- To **approve** the request to construct a 26 foot by 30 foot detached accessory structure 191 feet from Long Lake, classified as Natural Environment.

A Construction Site Permit application is required. Building plans, site plan, survey and other documents submitted with the variance cannot be altered in any way for the construction site permit and final construction.

A copy of the variance proceedings will be sent to you after it has been recorded.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact please contact Jamie Lucas at jamie.lucas@stearnscountymn.gov or by calling 320-656-3613

Sincerely,

Jamie Lucas
Senior Environmental Specialist, Environmental Services

CC: Clerk, Lynden Township, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

200 Administration Building
50 Sherburne Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155
Telephone: 651-201-2473
TTY: 651-297-4357



Kelli Schuh, Clerk
Lynden Township
21259 Co Rd 44
Clearwater, MN 55320

Dear Clerk:

The State Demographer is required by law to produce annual population and household estimates for each of Minnesota's cities and townships. Enclosed you will find a sheet containing the April 1, 2025, population and household estimates for your jurisdiction.

These estimates are being sent to you now for review and comment. It's important that our estimates are accurate, as they are used to distribute state aid to cities and townships. If you have questions about how our estimates impact a specific program, please contact the state agency responsible for that program.

The enclosed figures represent estimated population and household changes since the 2020 Census. The number of households corresponds to the number of occupied housing units. A household may be a single family, one person living alone, or any group of people who share the same living area. While we believe that our estimates are usually accurate, we realize there may be occasional problems. For this reason, we value your comments. We may not be aware of such changes as housing demolitions, the gain or loss of group quarters (like college dormitories, nursing homes, etc.), construction of public housing and the gain or loss of mobile homes.

Please note that our estimates:

- pertain to one year ago, not the present;
- have also been sent to your county auditor for review;
- are subject to change and are not considered final until they are released to the Minnesota Department of Revenue in July.

If you are satisfied with our estimates, it is not necessary to contact us or provide any further information. If you wish to challenge our estimates, please send us the appropriate data described in the enclosed challenge guide by **June 24, 2026**. Questions or comments should be directed to Eric Guthrie by email or at the address listed on the letterhead. **The best way to reach us is by e-mail at local.estimatedata@state.mn.us.** You may also try to reach us by phone at (651) 201-2473.

Thank you for taking time to review these estimates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Brower', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Susan Brower
State Demographer

Enclosures

DATE: June 1, 2026
TO: Kelli Schuh, Clerk
Lynden Township
FROM: Susan Brower
Minnesota State Demographer

SUBJECT: 2025 Population and Household Estimates

Your April 1, 2025 population estimate is 1,862.

Your April 1, 2025 household estimate is 724.

If you have any questions or comments about these estimates, please contact the State Demographic Center, 200 Administration Building, 50 Sherburne Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55155, phone (651) 201-2473 or send an e-mail to local.estimatedata@state.mn.us. All challenges must be submitted in writing. Please refer to the enclosed sheet for details.

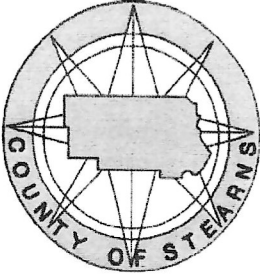
HOW TO CHALLENGE THE POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATES FROM THE STATE DEMOGRAPHER

The legal responsibilities of the State Demographer with respect to local population estimates dictate that we be able to defend any revisions to the estimates. Consequently, we need documentation for our files. Cited below are types of information we will accept with a challenge to our estimates. You may select whichever approach is most appropriate for your situation. However, the more information you can provide the better. No challenges will be accepted after June 24.

1. You may send us the number of active residential utility accounts in April 2024 and April 2025. We would prefer electrical accounts, but water and sewer accounts are acceptable. Please summarize your data. We don't need a list of all utility customers. Summary data for intervening years are helpful. Utility data are much more useful when provided together with building permit data (see #2 below).
2. Another approach is to provide the number of housing units added and lost by calendar year for the years beginning with 2020. Building and demolition permits are a good source of such information. Be sure to include mobile homes and apartments, and indicate whether any of the apartments were for the elderly. Please try to be as specific as possible about the type of unit involved (single-family, apartment, mobile home, etc.).
3. An actual count of persons or households may be accepted, but places with more than 100 people must contact the State Demographer before proceeding with a count. The count you submit should be for 2026. We will interpolate a number for 2025. You must provide the following information:
 - a. List the house number and street name of each housing unit in your city or township. If there is more than one unit at an address, please list each unit and provide an apartment number.
 - b. Indicate whether the unit is occupied or vacant. If the unit is occupied, indicate the number of residents. Only year-round residents should be counted. Young people away at college or in the military, elderly persons who have moved to a nursing home in another town and seasonal (summer) residents should not be counted.
 - c. Group quarters such as nursing homes, dormitories, jails and group homes should not be counted as housing units. Give us the name and address of the facility and the number of residents.
 - d. After you have listed each housing unit, you must summarize your data and give us the total number of residents, the total number of vacant units and the total number of occupied units.
 - e. Please indicate when the count was completed.

Any additional information you can provide about your community will be appreciated. Changes in vacancy rates, the conversion of summer homes to year-round use, and changes in employment opportunities are the types of things we like to hear about when we are evaluating an estimate. One final request--when you write to us, please provide your mailing address and a telephone number or e-mail address where you can be reached during the day.

Thank you.



COUNTY OF STEARNS

Department of Highways

PO Box 246 • St Cloud, MN 56302 • Phone (320) 255-6180

CHRIS BYRD, P.E.
Highway Engineer

MICHAEL DECKER, P.E.
Asst. Highway Engineer

MATT ZINNIEL
Maintenance Superintendent

June 15, 2026

TO: Township Supervisors/City Clerk

FROM: Stearns County Highway Department

RE: Noxious Weed Control

This is a friendly reminder of your duties and responsibilities to enforce the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law. Please plan on making your Township/City weed tours and follow up as needed. If you need assistance or have any concerns, please call the Stearns County Highway Department.

If you are issuing a weed notice to the Department of Natural Resources or U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, they have asked that you notify their local offices directly.

Department of Natural Resources
940 Industrial Dr. S. #103
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
(320) 223-7878 Email – saukrapids.wildlife@state.mn.us

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Litchfield Wetland Management District
22274 615th Ave.
Litchfield, MN 55355

Sincerely,

Chris Byrd, P.E.
County Engineer

June 26, 2026

Re: Big Stone South to Alexandria Transmission Project Update

Dear Stakeholder,

We appreciate the time and thoughtful input you've shared with us throughout the development of the Big Stone South to Alexandria (BSSA) transmission project. We value our ongoing conversations and are committed to keeping you informed as the project continues to move forward.

On April 30, 2026, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MN PUC) determined the BSSA route, providing a verbal approval for a Route Permit, and we received the written order on June 25, 2026, for BSSA. This is an important milestone and represents a significant step forward for the project.

The BSSA project will play a key role in strengthening the regional transmission system and supporting reliable, low-cost electricity across the region. This project is about more than connecting two substations—it is about building a reliable, resilient, and flexible electric grid that communities and businesses can depend on every day. As energy needs continue to grow in Minnesota and South Dakota, investments like BSSA help make sure the grid remains strong today and for generations to come. The project will serve as a critical transmission backbone for the area, helping keep electricity flowing when other parts of the system are out of service.

With the final route now approved, we have reached out to landowners along the approved route, adjacent landowners, and stakeholders who have been involved in the project from the beginning. We appreciate your engagement and remain committed to maintaining open communication as the project progresses.

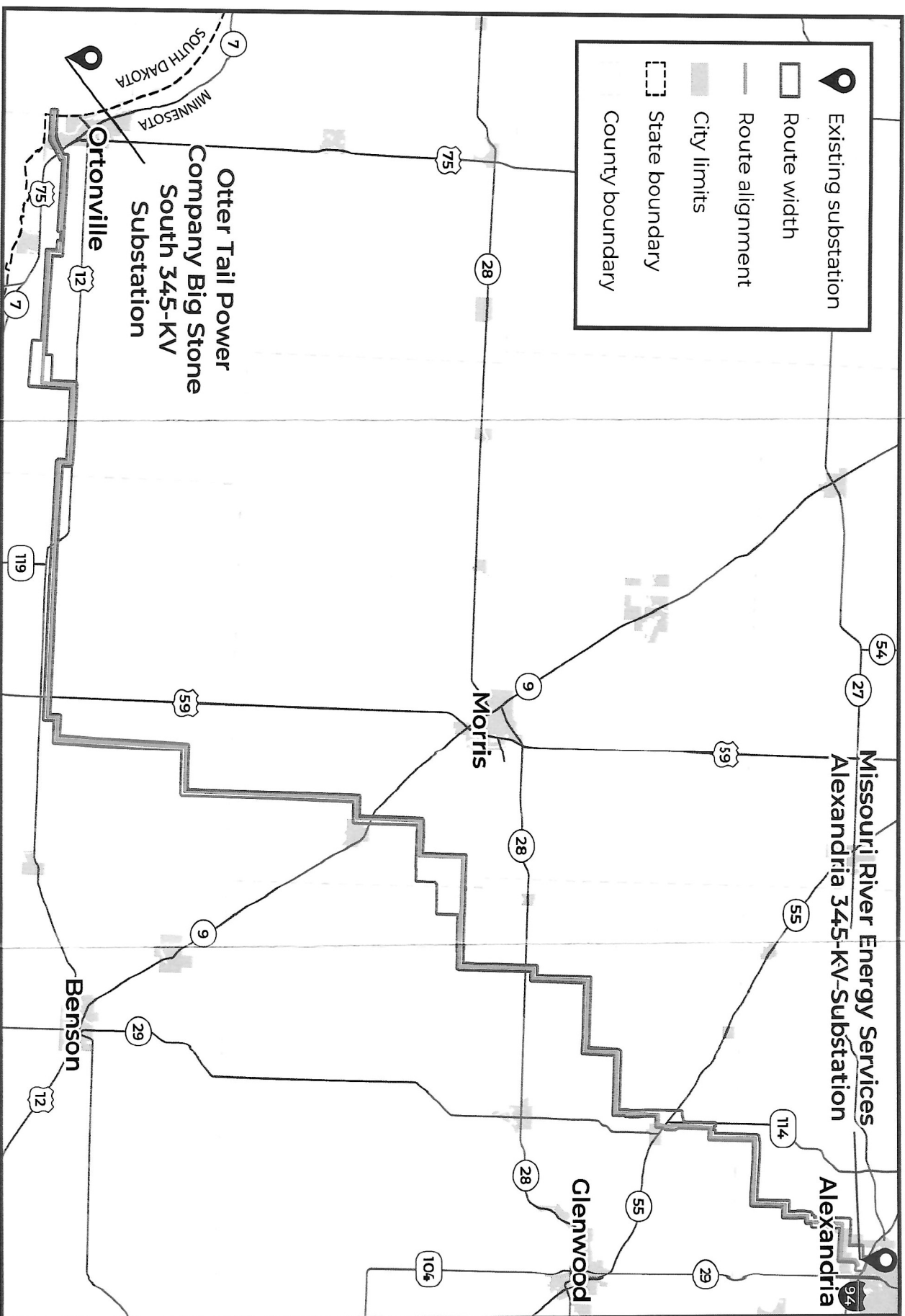
Thank you again for your continued interest and involvement. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure: BSSA Final Route Map



This is the PUC Designated Route approved in the Route Permit. The approved route generally includes a 1,000ft. corridor, with some widened areas for flexibility. This allows us to work with landowners to identify the least impactful pole placement and secure the necessary 150' easement within that corridor, emphasizing the importance of landowner input. Minor shifts of the transmission line alignment may occur within this route width based on landowner coordination and final engineering and design.