

**LYNDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING IN PERSON
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

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

Agenda: Schultz-Ludenia asked if there were any changes to the agenda from the Board or public. Township residents Gerry Neely and Jerry Tangen are present and would like to speak on the Dover Road matter. Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed.

Board Meeting Minutes: The August 3 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed for approval. Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: The report prepared by Appointed Treasurer Schermer was reviewed. Receipts totaled \$12,840.38; Disbursements totaled \$60,405.09; Ending Balance \$1,047,535.21. Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to accept the August 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 Voigt, all in favor, motion passed.

Tim Prom, Superintendent Annandale Public Schools: Superintendent Prom gave the Board an update on the Annadale school district.

Dover Road: Grading and Water Runoff Concerns: Dover residents Bretscher, Neely, Tangen and others came before the Board to discuss issues with south end of Dover Road. Supervisor Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to approve the expense of hiring an engineer to assess the situation on Dover to see what options, if any, the township has for improving the road. The issue will remain on the agenda and an update will be given at the October meeting.

Minor Plat Application: Carol Jones 18564 Lake Maria Road PID 19.10290.0000: Jones presented the Board with the Preliminary Plat application to split her 40.5-acre lot into two parcels. The board reviewed the Planning Commission meeting minutes from August 17 and a copy of the preliminary plat. Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to approve the preliminary plat, seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed. At the time of Board approval, Jones had not yet submitted an application to Stearns County. If approved by the county, Jones will need to bring the final plat back before the Board to have it signed by the Chair and Clerk.

Rezoning Inquiry: Chris Keske 17492 County Road 44 PID 19.10333.0050: Keske came in front of the Board to inquire about rezoning his 39.37 which is currently A40. Keske will submit a rezoning application and his matter will go before the Planning Commission on September 21, 2026.

August 25th Fire Commission Meeting / Clearwater Fire Contract: Supervisor Voigt gave the Board an update on the fire commission meeting and Clearwater Fire contract negotiations.

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

2025 Stearns Annual Bridge Inspection: Bridge L9896, which is on 200th Street E, has 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 coordinate the repairs. Item will remain on the agenda until repairs have been confirmed. Schultz-Ludenia is waiting on one more quote for guardrail repair.

Tree Removal 17th Ave E: Trimming is in process. Item can be removed from the agenda.

Building permits: 6 building permits were issued by Building Inspector Nancy Scott for the month of August. There are a total of 33 building permits issued in 2026 and 5 new single-family home, with an overall 2026 valuation of \$6,470,500 per Scott's report.

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

Planning and Zoning Update:

- 0 CSPs for August
- 0 Storm Water Management Plan

Correspondence was reviewed which included:

- Certificate of liability insurance for ML Schendzielos & Son Inc
- Couri & Ruppe notice of Legal Service Rate Increase
- Minnesota Association of Townships notice that the 2026 Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant Application is now open
- Couri & Ruppe Township Planning & Zoning Legal Seminar

Review Bills and Claims for Approval:

- Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to approve bills and claims, utilizing check numbers 9369 through 9404, seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting Dates:

- Planning Commission – September 21, 6:00 p.m.
- Monthly Meeting – October 5, 7:00 p.m.

Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Schuh, Clerk

Jaime Schultz-Ludenia, Chair