

TOWN OF SCHROEDER

Minutes for Regular Board Meeting on December 9, 2025

Present: Supervisors Bruce Martinson, Tina McKeever, & Cathy Johnson; Treasurer Gordon Engstrom, Clerk Amy Brugge, and Fire Chief Cody DeWandeler.

C. Johnson motioned to approve the agenda. T. McKeever seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Johson motioned to approve the November 10, 2025 meeting minutes. T. McKeever seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer G. Engstrom presented the treasurer's report and provided an overview of the recently created investment accounts with Charles Schwab.

Disbursements = \$5,514.05 Receipts = \$50.00 Total Financial Assets = \$429,729.91

C. Johnson motioned to accept the treasurer's report and approve claims presented of \$6,263.73 paid by checks #6167 - #6181. T. McKeever seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

West End Lodging Tax – Aug 2025 = \$6,955.37 and Sept 2025 = \$9,130.82

Commissioner Storlie – submitted via email as she was unable to attend due to a conference in the Twin Cities. On December 16, 2025 the board will make the final decision on the levy. Have hired a new PHHS Director (Grace Grinager) who will transition into the role in January.

Fire Department – Chief DeWandeler reported that there was one call in November. There is one new fire department member, Jack Laboda, bringing total roster to 11 individuals. Currently working to plan a holiday party. Chief DeWandeler is renewing his membership in MN Fire Chief's Association and will be reviewing/summarizing 2025 calls. Department will be approved for reimbursement of new fire pants that were purchased through the department's general fund. Clerk Brugge will process the reimbursement for a check in January. There was an inquiry about the snow removal contractor keeping a skid loader in the fire hall and there was advisement that he would need to be responsible for the insurance on the equipment.

Road and Bridge – Discussed the email correspondence with the MAT attorney about road restrictions and accepting a voluntary per tonnage contribution. Chair Martinson will continue

to follow-up on this. Chair Martinson will also finishing closing out the FEMA project online from the 2024 flooding event. Plowing has looked good overall so far this winter.

Cemetery – Chair Martinson will continue to follow up on MATIT insurance claim for gate

Recreation – nothing to report at this time

Town Hall – 2 rentals in the month of November & Craft Fair is scheduled for 12/20; no other updates

Taconite Harbor Strategic Plan Update – Clerk Brugge demonstrated how all can access the PPT presentations from each session the advisory group via the EDA website. The November meeting was focused on the parcel, the zoning, the slope, necessary setbacks, etc. The December meeting will focus on environmental factors and will also meeting once in January prior to the Schroeder Board meeting.

Other Business: