

January 14, 2026 - Hematite Township Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hoenig at 5:15pm. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Hoenig, Clerk Warren, Treasurer Haag, Trustee Raduechel & Trustee Richardson present.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Treasurer Haag motioned to accept agenda as edited, supported by Clerk Warren.

MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE: Treasurer Haag motioned to accept the meeting minutes as presented, supported by Trustee Raduechel.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: **A)** 1 call this month, possible chimney fire but was just smoke in the house. 8 members responded **B)** Discussion had about cost of bunker gear increasing, Treasurer Haag motioned to purchase a set of bunker gear, supported by Trustee Raduechel. **C)** Ethernet cable to be run from the Township office to Fire Hall. To be discussed with Township. **D)** Trustee Raduechel applied for a community impact grant for self-contained breathing apparatuses. Requested 7, but they may only cover 5. **E)** County-wide association meeting this Saturday 1/17 at 5pm. **F)** Chief Maki made some repairs on the truck

WATER DEPARTMENT: **A)** No issues this month. Let-runs are running. **B)** Discussion had about new water reading software and a new tablet/case. Motion made by Treasurer Haag to purchase tablet/case, supported by Trustee Richardson.

CONSTABLE REPORT: **A)** Liquor report submitted with no violations. No issues this month.

SEXTON REPORT: **A)** Sexton finishing up R's in North section. **B)** 1 lot sold in December, several more burials pending for spring.

NEW BUSINESS: **A)** Back-up generator: Discussion had about the estimate for a Generac from Ethan Kurtz. Trustee Raduechel applied for a grant for 15K. **B)** Employee handbook needs additional legal verbiage. **C)** Audit: Auditor is understaffed, goal is to finish by spring 2026 **D)** Iron County Visitor Guide ½ page ad placed in paper

OLD BUSINESS: **A)** Cemetery ordinance: Discussion had about where we might place green funeral plots and a possible pet cemetery for cremated pets. To be included in the cemetery ordinance once agreed upon.

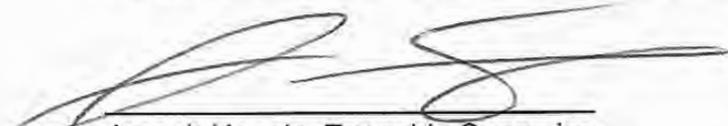
BOARD CONCERNS: **A) Water accounts:** Discussion had about delinquent water accounts. Township to acquire door tags for water shut off notices.

TREASURER/CLERK REPORT: **A)** Everything in balance. Taxes went out Dec 1. Taxes are due March 2, 2026. **B)** CD maturing, Treasurer Haag to renew it.

Checks/transfers to be approved: Motion made by Trustee Richardson to approve checks, supported by Trustee Raduechel. No transfers needed this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT: **A)** Librarian needed to volunteer at the library.

Treasurer Haag made a motion to adjourn at 6:14pm, supported by Trustee Raduechel.


Joseph Hoenig, Township Supervisor


Vanessa Warren, Township Clerk