
Minutes – July 15, 2026

Members Present: Bill Carblom, Jeff Bopp, Scott Legge, Mike Schwehr, Mike Bishop

Also Present: Jessica Jenrich, Jeff Erickson, Kardell Blumhardt, Terry Metzger, Cathy Metzger, David White, Evan Thostenson

Meeting called to order by Chairman Schwehr at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Carblom, seconded by Legge to approve the June 11, 2026 minutes.
Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for Justin Thornton for the creation of Thornton Acres subdivision and rezone to residential. No one appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Carblom, seconded by Bishop to approve the subdivision creation and rezone. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for Terry Metzger for a Structure Setback Variance of 42 feet from center of subdivision road Lot 4 Block 2 Jewett's Beach Subdivision. No one appeared to protest. Mr. and Mrs. Metzger were present if there were any questions. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Bishop, seconded by Carblom to approve the variance as there is already other buildings in that subdivision that are closer than the proposed structure. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for James Noeske for a Tree Setback Variance of 40 feet from center of subdivision road Lot 9 and 39 feet from center of subdivision road lot 1 of outlot A, Lot 9 Ashtabula Lookout subdivision and Lot 1 of Outlot A. No one appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Bopp, seconded by Carblom to approve the Variance requested as the other trees along that road are the same or closer. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for OtterTail Power Company for a Utility Setback Variance of 40 feet from the center of County Road 11 or 107th Avenue SouthEast. Mr. Blumhardt, Mr. White and Mr. Thostenson from OtterTail Power Company was present to answer questions regarding the project and they stated they are rerouting a line that was destroyed from the June 2025 storm and to reroute around. No one appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Legge, seconded by Carblom to approve as this needs to be done to get the electricity back up to full service. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMIT REVIEW

Justin Thornton – Shop/House – Thornton Acres Subdivision, Section 3 Township 140 Range 58, Valley Township

Terry Metzger – Storage Shed – Lot 4 Block 2 Jewett's Beach 2nd Subdivision, Section 22 Township 142 Range 58, Ashtabula Township

Tim Manke – House/Garage – Lot 2 Block 2 Ashtabula Lookout subdivision, Section 32 Township 142 Range 58, Ashtabula Township

Willy Marler - Garage/Shop(renewal) – SouthWest Quarter less 2.51Acres Right/Way, Section 35 Township 142 Range 59, Rogers Township

James Quick – Cold Storage – SouthEast Quarter, Section 26 Township 143 Range 60, Laketown Township

Kyle Kjelland – Pole Barn/Lean to – Auditor Lot 1 of North Half SouthEast Quarter, Section 14 Township 139 Range 58, Marsh Township

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Terry Metzger – Gazebo – Lot 14 Jewett's Beach Subdivision, Sections 21&22 Township 142 Range 58, Ashtabula Township
Ryan Torbenson – Shop – 5.34 acres of NorthEast Quarter, Section 16 Township 139 Range 58, Marsh Township
Kody Amann – Pole Building – Auditor Lot 1 of North Half NorthEast Quarter, Section 6 Township 142 Range 58, Ashtabula Township
Richard McAllister – Storage Building – SouthEast , Section 34 Township 138 Range 58, Nelson Township
Leon Steidl – Storage Building – 5.23 acres of SouthEast Quarter, Section 28 Township 139 Range 56, Springvale Township

Motion by Carlblom, seconded by Bishop to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Jessica Jenrich, P&Z Administrator