
Minutes – August 11, 2026

Members Present: Darrel Brud, Jeff Bopp, Scott Legge, Mike Schwehr, Mike Bishop, Jeff Erickson, Vern Roorda

Also Present: Jessica Jenrich, Mitch Finn, Charlotte, Finn, Greg Pfenning

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

Motion by Bishop, seconded by Bopp to approve the July 15, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for Jonathan Hanng for a Drain Tile Setback Variance of less than 75 feet and out of Road Right of way of Township Road 123rd Avenue SouthEast. No one appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Bishop, seconded by Brudevold to approve the Variance as requested. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for Mitchell Finn for a Tree Setback Variance of 25 feet from center of subdivision road Homestead Subdivision. There was a letter from a property owner in the subdivision that does not want trees close. Two other people reached out worried about snow. No one else appeared to protest. Mr. and Mrs. Finn were present to answer any questions regarding the trees. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Legge, seconded by Erickson to deny the variance request of 25 feet. With a roll call vote of 3 yes and 4 no the motion failed. There was then discussion about a retaining wall just next door to this property and they had been approved for 28 feet from center of road in 2017. Motion by Bopp, 2nd by Bishop to approve the trees at 28 feet as that is where the retaining wall was approved. With a roll call vote of 4 yes and 3 no the motion was passed. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for Gwen Crawford for a Structure Setback Variance of 10 feet from the East property line Lot 12 Jewett's Beach Subdivision. No one appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Bishop, seconded by Bopp to approve the variance as they will not be going any closer to the road or lake. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMIT REVIEW

Gwen Crawford – Addition/Remodel – Lot 12 Jewett's Beach Subdivision, Sections 21&22 Township 142 Range 58, Ashtabula Township
Jessica Mellem – House/Garage – Auditors Lot 2 of NorthWest Quarter, Section 11 Township 138 Range 57, Norma Township
Tim Deitemeyer – House – Lot 6 Block 1 Homestead Subdivision, Section 13 Township 143 Range 58, SibleyTrail Township
Josh Kratz – Shop – Lot 17 Sheyenne Valley Estates, Section 27 Township 139 Range 58, Marsh Township
Holly Johnson – Cold Storage – NorthWest Quarter, Section 32 Township 137 Range 59, Spring Creek Township
James Schroeder – 5 Hopper Bins – NorthWest Quarter, Section 05 Township 140 Range 57, Alta Township

Darin Tingley – Bin – SouthEast Quarter, Section 28 Township 137 Range 56, Raritan Township

Dan Latt – Office – SouthEast Quarter, Section 26 Township 138 Range 60, Svea Township

William Pieper – Garage – Scotts to Hastings Lots 27 to 32 Block 3, Section 14 Township 137 Range 59, Spring Creek Township

There was further discussion on the Retaining wall in question during the Finn hearing. The board asked Jenrich to go out and measure where that wall is currently as there has been a couple property owners thinking it has grown in size. Jenrich will go out the next day and report back to the board.

Motion by Bishop, seconded by Brudevold to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Jessica Jenrich, Planning and
Zoning Administrator