

**ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
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**The Roland Township ZONING BOARD** was called to order at 7:00 p.m., February 9, 2026, in the Quilt Inn Meeting room by Board Chairman Mike Hall with Supervisors Vern Jacobson, David Thompson, Michael Sivertson and Luke Artz along with Clerk Glenore Gross and six visitors including Mark Kihle, assistant for zoning and Addie Berg, township assessor. Tim Kihle, Zoning Administrator was absent.

**Minutes:** January 12 Board minutes were approved as written and posted.

**Treasurer Report** was presented with Cash/Fund balance of \$712,329.27 and a request to pay bills of \$8,237.39. Board agreed to add a Chip Seal Fund along with the Cabin Road Fund to divide savings for future road work. After discussion on fund balances, *MOTION by Vern to approve the Treasurers report and pay the bills presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Mark Kihle brought the paperwork requested for Don Thompson's shed permit; he noted it would be used for storage only. *MOTION by David to approve the permit for Don Thompson as addressed last month, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Luke, VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.*

**OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Zoning iPad Purchase:** Mike said there is one on order within the allowed purchase price.
2. **Offsite Storage & Meeting Space:** Vern has requested a bid from Sawmill Lumber for a 12x16 building on a concrete pad. Clerk asked whether storage for the township tractor and mower should be considered instead of or in addition to files, considering the potential cost. A possible leased space noted by a visitor will be looked into.
3. **Short Term Rental CUP – Committee Report:** Discussion was held on the proposed ordinance that addresses issues related to the growing use of short-term rentals around Lake Metigoshe. The purpose of this ordinance addition is to establish standards intended to minimize potential adverse effects while recognizing the rights of property owners who wish to provide the service to lake visitors. After clarifying the scope and intent and discussing the procedure to follow, *MOTION by David to approve the Short Term Rental document as presented and schedule a date at next month's meeting for when to hold the required Public Hearing. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.* Document will be made available on the website with a letter of information to be sent to property owners prior to the Public Hearing.
4. **Added: Drawing for Irely Road Vacation:** Addie Berg, Assessor, informed the board that a drawing as prepared by Greg Buzzard of Wold Engineering is needed to complete the recording process. Mike will follow up.

**NEW ZONING BUSINESS:** none offered

**GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:50 p.m.**

**OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Road Issue Updates:**
  - **Cabin Roads:** County has been applying sand on the icy roads. Mike said crack sealing will be done again by the same firm as before.
  - **Rural Roads:** David said they are being taken care of.
2. **New Mowing Employee:** Board agreed to have Mike Hamilton complete required paperwork. Discussion held on potential parking places for the tractor and mower

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**NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Abatement Request for Twin Oaks/Sundowners:** Township Assessor Addie Berg shared information from the application for abatement of taxes for Sundowners, Inc. and their portion of the Twin Oaks condominiums. A review and analysis of dwelling values and business operations as defined under the Declaration of Condominiums resulted in lowering the value of Improvements which lowers their tax liability. Addie recommended approval of the request. *MOTION by Vern to approve the abatement as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.*
2. **Discuss Purchase of Payloader for Snow Removal:** The suggestion made last month was an idea for snow clearing in tight places; discussion pointed to other options to consider.
3. **Consider Budget and Levy Request for Annual Meeting:** After looking over the 2025 Actual versus Budgeted figures and amounts to be kept in road funds, *MOTION by David to maintain the same budget for the 2027 Levy Request to be proposed at the March annual meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.* Board agreed to schedule the Annual Meeting for Monday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Quilt Inn, rather than the traditional 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday which is no longer required.
4. **Added – Equalization Information:** Addie informed the board that the County sales ratio is being finalized and at this time is slightly below the required 90%. While still under review, good sales for Roland Township are in the low 80%'s. Addie advised the Board that most likely we will experience at least a 5% increase to land values. She also informed the Board that with the latest legislation, Notices of Increase will no longer be mailed to individual property owners by the township. Instead, the County will be mailing April notifications to all property owners indicating their 2026 values compared to the 2025 values, prior to Equalization meetings.

➤ **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- County TOA/NDTOA Meeting held earlier today was briefly reported on by the Clerk; new NDCC book inserts were provided to the board.
- Equalization Meeting is Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m. Quilt Inn meeting room..

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.  
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

Next board meeting is Monday, March 9, followed by the Annual Meeting March 16. Levy will be voted on as well as two Supervisor positions and Clerk/Treasurer.