

SCAMBLER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 10th, 2026, 7:00PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by DeeNelle Stephenson, Clerk, who lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending: Christie Shulstad, Philip Rotz, Todd Langseth, Robert Seifert, Margaret Gilbertson, Walter Rotz, Paul Rotz, Henry Rotz and Brian Burgess (Press).

Motion to nominate Margaret Gilbertson as Moderator, by Christie Shulstad, 2nd by Robert Seifert. Motion approved.

Agenda was provided. **Motion to approve the agenda, by Christie Shulstad, seconded by Robert Seifert. Motion approved.**

The minutes of the March 11th, and September 17, 2025 Annual Meeting were presented and reviewed.

Clerk read the board of audit information.

The Annual Road Report and Proposed 2026 5-Year Road Plan were presented by Philip Rotz, Road Supervisor. Roads are in good shape. Mr. Rotz also extended appreciation to Arntson Construction for the job they do in maintaining Scambler Township roads.

The Annual Zoning Report was presented by Todd Langseth, Planning and Zoning Supervisor. There were four (4) approach permits, two (2) Conditional Use Permits and three (3) site permits issued in 2025.

Treasurer's Report –Board of Audit report has been posted in the townhall. Christie Shulstad, Treasurer, gave a summary of the 2025Treasurer's Report, and led the discussion. **Robert Seifert made a motion to waive the reading of the checks, 2nd by Philip Rotz, motion approved. Motion to approve the 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented, made by Robert Seifert, 2nd by Todd Langseth. Motion approved.**

The Annual Property Board Report was presented by Robert Seifert, Property Supervisor. Reported that the septic system experienced a freeze up this winter and had to be corrected. May review options this fall to prevent that from happening again. Also indicated that some cemetery records work is progressing and perhaps a database could be considered in the future.

Margaret Gilbertson presented the PVHD report. Presented the information related to PVHC and update on the finances and remodel update.

The 2025 Fire Department Report was provided by the City of Pelican Rapids – Philip Rotz attended the annual meeting and gave an oral report of the meeting.

Mr. Rotz indicated that the PRFD does a good job managing their resources and finding outside funding grants. They are short on volunteers at this time.

Discussion related to funding of ambulance services. **Motion by Robert Seifert, second by Christie Shulstad to support the ambulance service in the area. Motion approved.**

Motion to all the Board to provide gifts to recognize retirees, made by Robert Seifert, seconded by Philip Rotz, motion passed.

Motion by Philip Rotz to authorize the town board to donate to those charitable organizations as was done in 2025, seconded by Christie Shulstad, motion passed.

The 2027 proposed tax levy for Scambler Township. The proposed 2027 tax levy would increase to \$363,000 from \$315,000. Proposed \$70,000 for the General Fund, \$30,000 for the Fire Fund, \$3,000 for the Cemetery Fund and \$260,000 for the Road and Bridge Fund.

Citizen Concerns or Comments – none.

Christie Shulstad made a motion to set the date for the 2027 Scambler Township Annual Meeting for Tuesday, March 9, 2027, 7:00pm, at the Scambler Town Hall. Paul Rotz seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Christie Shulstad made a motion to recess the annual meeting to Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 6:15 p.m., for the purpose of finalizing and Board approval of the 2027 Budget Tax Levy. Robert Seifert seconded the motion. Motion approved.

At 7:25 the meeting was continued to September 16, 2026.

Submitted by DeeNelle Stephenson, Clerk Scambler Township

RECONVENED ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 @ 6:15 pm

Annual Meeting moderator, Margaret Gilbertson, called the reconvened annual meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the reconvened annual meeting was to finalize and approve the 2027 Budget Tax Levy: Discussion as to increase in Fire expense. Motion by Philip Rotz to increase Fire fund to \$35,000, 2nd by Robert Seifert, motion passed.

The following levy was determined:

General Fund \$70,000; Road and Bridge Fund \$260,000; Fire Fund \$35,000; Cemetery Fund \$3,000

Total 2027 Budget \$368,000.

Robert Seifert made a motion to advance this budget to the Board for approval, seconded by Philip Rotz, motion passed.

The 2026 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.



Margaret Gilbertson, Moderator



DeeNelle Stephenson, Scambler Clerk