

ARVON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 4, 2026 DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Jay Fish called the Regular Board meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at the Arvon Township Fire Hall on May 4, 2026.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Fish-Supervisor, Lisa Marinich-Clerk, Krystal Eliason-Treasurer, Robert Janda-Trustee and Keith Erickson-Trustee.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Erickson motioned, seconded by Janda to approve April 6, 2026 minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Eliason request "Township Road Agreement" under "New Business". Eliason motioned, seconded by Erickson to approve the agenda with the addition. All in favor, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat Janek would like to see the Public Comments at the end of the meetings. Bette Gabe also asked about public comments at the end of the meetings.

-The outhouses and the building next to the township hall was brought up at the meeting wondering if they should be restored or taken down.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE: Strohshein let the board know that they had their quarterly meeting. They are working on changes for different rules on setbacks, campers and other issues that the township may deal with.

OLD BUSINESS: Nancy Strohshein explained the Arvon Township 2026 fee schedule with the new fee changes. Janda motioned, seconded by Erickson to approve the updated fee schedule with effective date of May 4, 2026. All in favor, motion passed.

-Zoning Administrator Sweeney let Fish know that L'Anse Township's attorney from downstate is very responsive. Pat Janek asked the name of the firm that he was talking about. She knew the firm and let the board know that they run approximately \$500.00 an hour. Fish will contact them. This will be tabled until next month's meeting.

-Royal Lawn Care was the only bid for the Skanee Cemetery spring clean up with a bid of \$3,400.00. Eliason motioned, seconded by Janda to approve Royal for the clean up. All in favor, motion passed.

-The Skanee Fire Hall roof repairs will be tabled for a later date. It was brought up that an engineer should look at this project as far as roof weight load.

NEW BUSINESS: Marinich requests approval for Deb Vizina, Janet Nevela, Jenny Janda and Gail Hollon to work the May 5, 2026 election. Erickson motioned, seconded by Janda to approve the workers. All in favor, motion passed.

-Erickson motioned, seconded by Janda to approve Hannula Insurance Agency for the township insurance. All in favor, motion passed.

-Arvon Township has an audit this year. Erickson motioned, seconded by Janda to approve former Rukkila Negro & Associates, now named ValueCore CPA's as the township auditors. All in favor, motion passed.

-The Township match towards the Arvon Township Road Agreement with Baraga County Road Commission of \$275,000.00 was presented to the board to be signed and the funds distributed to the County. The project will be starting in May of 2026.

-Kelly Erickson would like to purchase a new vacuum cleaner. \$300.00 from L'Anse Furniture Mart. Erickson motioned, seconded by Janda to approve the purchase. All in favor, motion passed.

-Janda motioned, seconded by Erickson to keep the Public Comments at the beginning of the meetings. Backed by Marinich and Eliason. Fish voted to have it at the end. All but one voted to remain at beginning of the meetings, motioned passed.

JIM FEDIE: Fedie gave the board the assessment roll changes.

MAIL CALL:

TREASURERS REPORT: Eliason gave the monthly Treasurer's Report. General Fund-\$313,027.90, Ambulance/EMT Fund-\$53,206.81, Fire Fund-\$504,885.18, Liquor Fund-\$760.95, Road Fund-\$366,183.94. Erickson motioned, seconded by Janda, to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor, motion passed.

BILL APPROVAL: Janda motioned, seconded by Eliason to approve the bills. All in favor, motion passed.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting day will be June 1, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. at the Township Fire Hall.

ADJOURN: Erickson motioned, seconded by Eliason to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. All in favor, motion passed

Lisa M. Marinich/Arvon Township Clerk