

## CITY OF GAASTRA MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING: June 11, 2026

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor R Holm at 4:30 pm.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Mari Kay McNamara, Tony Holm, Chris Cain, Linda Lindberg

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** none

**ALSO PRESENT:** Debbie Tusa, Manager/Clerk; Ethan Amerson, Public Works; Lisa Coates, Polich Tousignant Law Office; Robb Anderson, GEI

### **MEETING MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2026 was reviewed. Moved by T Holm to accept the Regular Meeting minutes with support by Cain. **Passed Unanimously**

### **ZONING:**

Joe Holm, zoning administrator, discussed a variance for a chain link fence at a property 1 Nowicki Road. The homeowner gave Joe a drawing and map. Motioned by R Holm to grant the variance with support from McNamara. **Roll call: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Passed.**

### **ACKNOWLEDGE THE PUBLIC:**

Patti Peretto, County Commissioner discussed the need for 911 to stay in the county. The county is hiring for the position of the 911 dispatchers.

Brett Smithson, Iron County Economic chamber stated the fast-track grant closed and they will be going over applicants. The housing complex in Crystal Falls will be breaking ground for the 68 units in August. A bike ride will be taking place this next weekend for a fund raiser for Iron County Cancer Unit.

### **CASH BALANCE REPORT:**

Moved by T Holm and supported by Cain to accept the Cash Balance Report. **Roll call: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Passed.**

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Moved by Cain and supported by McNamara to pay the accounts payables due & accept the bills paid. **Roll call: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Passed.**

### **MANAGERS REPORT:**

- The City was approved for a FDCVT Generator in the Lift Station in the amount of \$55,810.00
- The annual MML workman's compensation report was filed.
- The annual unclaimed property report was filed with the State.
- There were some issues with some of the communication between the Sensus Program and the BS&A software. I worked with our representative from Sensus, and appears the error messages have been fixed.
- There have been a couple of zoning permits filed with Joe in May.
- A draft of the budget was sent to Scott. We will be getting together next week to finalize the new fiscal year budget.
- The final AARPA payments have been processed.
- The GFL clean up bin was at the garage May 26-27<sup>th</sup>.
- I have been working with Marla at North County Web design on the City's webpage.
- Summer taxes are in the process of being prepared.
- The Little League has been going well. They will be finishing up the regular season games mid-June. Playoffs will be announced when scheduled.

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Ethan went over the Public Works report:

The lift station has been working well.

He has contacted Tunnel Vision for a price to have the roots removed between the dump road and 424.

Annual samples were submitted to White Water; all came back good.

The consumer confidence report has been submitted to EGLE for review; once completed Ethan will post copies.

Trees at the wellhouse were cut and removed.

Cold Patching was done.

The street sweeper is scheduled for next week.

The power at the Ballfield was installed by UPPCO

A fuel transfer tank and pump were purchased.

The dust control chloride was ordered.

Ryans Excavating returned to finish the clean up of a galvanized service line replacement that was completed during the winter.

The City is looking for a pickup truck to purchase.

Motioned by McNamara to accept the manager's & public works report and supported by Cain. **Passed Unanimously.**

### **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**

The assessor's report was reviewed. Moved by McNamara to pay the assessor's bill and supported by T Holm. **Roll call: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Passed.**

### **GEI**

Robb discussed the resolution to be passed for the FDCVT Lift Station grant.

Cain motioned to accept the resolution for the FDCVT Lift Station grant in the amount of \$55,810.00 with support by T Holm.

**Roll call: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Passed.**

Cain motioned to pay GEI engineering charges in the amount of \$6810.00 with support from T Holm. **Roll call: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Passed.**

The TMF Lead service grant is being worked out with Ryan's Excavating. The grant expires in September 2026. Twelve additional excavations will be completed. Robb presented an amendment.

R Holm motioned to accept the amendment to the TMF grant and to pay GEI of the DMSI update with support from Cain. **Roll call: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Passed.**

The DWSRF preliminary scoring is being posted. Robb will look it over and give us an update at the next meeting.

### **Ordinance 34**

The Metal Storage building ordinance 34 has been revised. There was a public hearing prior the regular scheduled meeting.

A change is requested to apply a one time charge of \$60.00, with the container being assessed on property taxes.

McNamara motioned to adopt the ordinance 34 recommended from the planning/zoning commission with support from Cain. **Roll call: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Passed.**

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

Amerson has not received pricing for the cost of blinking lights on road signs, we will have it on the next month's agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There is no new business

### **LEGAL REPORT**

Lisa Coates has nothing additional to report.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

McNamara stated she was informed there are chickens at a household in the City.

The ordinance will be reviewed.

R Holm was approached by Payne and Dolan for access to their property, behind Gaastra's property.

A special permit was discussed; this will be put on next month's agenda.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, it was motioned by T Holm with support from Cain to adjourn at 5:04 pm.

**Passed Unanimously.**

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Richard Holm, Mayor

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Debbie Tusa, Clerk