

**Edna Township Annual Meeting**  
**March 10, 2026**  
**Dent Community Center, 201 Birch St, Dent MN 56528**

The meeting was called to Order at 8:10pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Dockter called for nominations for a meeting moderator. Keith Brokke nominated Martin Garber. Terry Marthaler seconded the motion and it passed with a voice vote. Martin Garber introduced himself. His father, Don Garber, had been the clerk of Edna Township for many years and had also served as the annual meeting moderator many times. The agenda was approved as presented.

Ben Bucholz, the chairman of the township board, went through the summary of 2025, attached to these minutes. Becca Huebsch was present to discuss the Perham Area EMS Joint Powers Agreement. The township had mailed postcards to all property owners in the township asking if Edna should drop out of the agreement. Many of the people present expressed their support of and appreciation for the current ambulance service. Becca answered questions covering how the current assessment formula works, some of the other formulas that were considered and rejected, that the "call distribution" numbers reflect where the ambulance went but not where the patient lives, the assessments that are still payable from the townships that have dropped out (anything that was approved while they were still part of the agreement), staffing, equipment, the grant from Minnesota for rural area quick response and more. The overwhelming response was that Edna should continue to be a part of the EMS Joint Powers Agreement. If more townships do drop out of the EMS Agreement, then this discussion will come up at the next annual meeting.

The Treasurer's report was given by Karen Marthaler and is attached to these minutes. The larger than usual amount in the Road & Bridge fund was explained. The expected road work on 460<sup>th</sup> St did not happen in 2025 but is scheduled for 2026. There were no questions regarding the 2025 report.

Terry Marthaler gave a report on the Perham Hospital, including a hand out.

The Dent Fire and Rescue report is also included in these minutes.

The 2026 budget included \$2000 for donations. There 4 requests that met the requirements of the township donation policy. Cindy Mollins and Beth Winjum were present to speak about the Perham Area Public Library and Edna's usage. Liz Dunlap made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the library, \$500 to the East Otter Tail County Agricultural Society (the EOT County Fair), \$250 to the Perham Center for the Arts and \$250 to the Otter Tail County Historical Society. Gary Schattschneider 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

The proposed Annual budget for 2027 was presented, note it is on the same page as the report for 2025. Von Bruhn motioned to accept the budget as presented. Gary Schattschneider 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

Roger Nietzke motioned to set the total levy for 2027 at \$506,050, with \$44, 050 designated for the Ordinary Fund, \$38,500 designated for the Fire Fund, \$60,000 designated for the EMS

Fund and \$363,500 designated for the Road & Bridge Fund. Darrell Nordick seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

Joan Covington motioned to set the 2027 Annual Meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in March of 2027, at 8:05 pm at the Dent Community Center.

The results of the election were announced. Keith Brokke was reelected as the Supervisor and Joan Covington was elected as the Clerk.

The meeting was adjourned.

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*Evan [Signature]*

EDNA TWP ANNUAL MEETING 3-10-2026

8:10 PM

Gwen Barber

Rogea A. Wetzels

MARCELL WOODICK

Jeff Burns

Gary Schattschneider

KEITH & LYNN EBERKE

Jean & Conrad

Karen Marthaler

Terry Marthaler

Pebbie Teigen

Mibe Teigen

Vaun Roy Boucher

Becca Huebsch

Terry Marthaler

Lucy Soyance

CS Holt

Tom Soyance

Mary Ann Suder

Ronald E. Johnson at Dawn

Annette Medrow

Don Medrow

Don Stong

Sharon

Tom Snelyra

Steve & Connie Richter

Tom Spence

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Kayleigh Dykhnof

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Doris Smith

Elizabeth Dunlop

Jill Carlson

Hyle Knutson

Lindy Mollen

Jenifer King

Quinn Halvorson

Randy Halvorson

Antony Knut

Linda Almace

Doug Olson

Cory Olson

## **1. End of an Era.**

Echo Dockter has served as the Edna Township Clerk for seventeen years, she will be stepping away from her Clerk duties, but has offered to help during the transition of the new clerk. Thank you Echo for all that you have done.

## **2. Asphalt Road Maintenance.**

Edna Township Supervisors perform an annual road audit by driving all township roads in April after the snow is gone. We use the data along with our maintenance plan to determine which roads need maintenance so we can prepare quotes and identify any major road repair which might need to be levied for in the future.

These roads were selected to be stripped and seal coated:

1. Stony Hills
2. Wood Duck Loop

Due to contractor availability Stony Hills was pushed back to 2026.

These roads were selected to be Crack Filled only:

1. 423rd
2. 380<sup>th</sup> Ave
3. 430 St
4. Big McDonald Ln
5. N Big McDonald Dr
6. E Little McDonald from 455<sup>th</sup> to County Rd 34

## **4. Gravel Road Maintenance.**

The dust control rotation is now complete with all gravel roads in Edna Township receiving Dust Control. Dust control application moving forward will be upon board discretion. *3yr rotation - done*

## **5. Reconstruction of 460<sup>th</sup> (Hobart Township Shared Road) Delayed:**

With the additional costs of the EMS to townships, Hobart Township decided to delay the road project until 2026. Edna Township and Hobart Township have hired Apex Engineering to facilitate a bid package for this project. We have also applied for state funding to help aid in this project. We are expected to hear if this project has been awarded funding in March. *Apex Engineering hired →*

## **6. EMS Joint Powers Board updates.**

There have been 3 townships that have chosen to remove themselves as Joint Powers Members. This will now cause an increase in cost. Edna Township Board is seeking opinions from residents as to which formula they would prefer to pay for the EMS services, and their stance on Edna Townships membership of the Joint Powers Board.

**TOWNSHIP OF EDNA**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT OF Dec. 31, 2025**

		ACTUAL			
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>					
General Property Taxes	\$432,061.77				
Fire Contract	\$32,810.60				
EMS	\$67,102.68				
Government Aid	\$7,375.28				
Ag Market Value Credits	\$2,048.19				
Gopher/Beaver Reimburs.	\$0.00				
Filing Fees	\$4.00				
Approach Permit Escrow Fund	\$1,000.00				
Approach Permit fees	\$500.00				
Interest/Dividend Earnings	\$3,390.39				
Road Allotments (Gas Tax)	\$46,597.45				
Road Sealing/ Signs	\$0.00				
Reimbursements	\$663.50				
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$593,353.84</b>				
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>					
		2025	2026	2027	
		BUDGET	Budget	PROPOSED	
				BUDGET	
<b>Ordinary</b>					
Election Judges	\$112.50	\$500.00	\$3,500.00	\$500.00	
Legal Services	\$1,114.10	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Rent	\$1,800.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	
Newspaper Ads- Official Notice	\$2,079.58	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00	
Personnel- Meeting Pay	\$32,209.70	\$28,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$33,000.00	
Gopher Feet Pay/Beaver Tails	\$400.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$500.00	
Insurance	\$2,282.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	
Donations- Hist. Soc/ Library	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Township Dues	\$1,348.64	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$760.00	
<b>Total Ordinary</b>	<b>\$43,344.52</b>	<b>\$39,700.00</b>	<b>\$47,100.00</b>	<b>\$44,060.00</b>	
<b>Total Fire</b>					
	<b>\$33,050.00</b>	<b>\$33,050.00</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>\$38,500.00</b>	
<b>Total EMS</b>					
	<b>\$60,996.00</b>	<b>\$70,000.00</b>	<b>\$48,000.00</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	
<b>Road &amp; Bridge</b>					
Snow Removal & Sanding	\$49,676.23	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	
Grading Services/Reg. Maint.	\$35,271.72	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00	
Gravel, Class 5, Major Road Rep.	\$37,289.22	\$50,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$40,000.00	
Mowing	\$19,889.19	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$6,500.00	
Spraying ditches	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,500.00	
Crack Fill	\$31,800.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$35,000.00	
Striping on Roads	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
Sealcoating	\$5,500.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
Tree Removal ROW	\$8,375.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$24,000.00	
Dust Control	\$78,472.70	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$60,000.00	
Road & Fire Sign Maint	\$240.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	
curbs			\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
Road Improvements	\$0.00	\$227,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	
Ditch Assessments	\$7.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total R &amp; Bridge</b>	<b>\$268,500.54</b>	<b>\$633,500.00</b>	<b>\$550,500.00</b>	<b>\$363,500.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$403,891.06</b>	<b>\$776,250.00</b>	<b>\$680,600.00</b>	<b>\$608,050.00</b>	
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<b>Fund</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Ordinary	\$79,205.24	\$31,949.83	(\$43,344.52)	\$0.00	\$67,810.55
Road & Bridge	\$242,729.79	\$461,690.73	(\$268,500.54)	\$0.00	\$437,919.98
Fire	\$370.25	\$32,610.60	(\$33,050.00)	\$0.00	(\$89.15)
EMS	(\$56,656.00)	\$67,102.68	(\$60,996.00)	\$0.00	(\$49,549.32)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$266,649.28</b>	<b>\$593,353.84</b>	<b>(\$403,891.06)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$456,112.06</b>

Jurisdiction	2025			2026			2027		
	Total Due	Total Due	%	Total Due	Total Due	%	Total Due	Total Due	%
Butler	\$ 9,093.68	\$ 7,323.10	2.0%	\$ 11,093.08	\$ 11,093.08	2.3%			
Corfiss	\$ 25,381.87	\$ 18,799.52	5.2%	\$ 28,756.54	\$ 28,756.54	6.1%			
Dead Lake	\$ 38,251.54	\$ 23,648.83	6.6%	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%			
Dora	\$ 65,890.07	\$ 24,926.27	6.9%	\$ 39,479.07	\$ 39,479.07	8.3%			
Edna	\$ 60,996.91	\$ 38,323.92	10.6%	\$ 59,889.06	\$ 59,889.06	12.6%			
Gorman	\$ 20,242.93	\$ 14,959.76	4.2%	\$ 22,889.27	\$ 22,889.27	4.8%			
Hobart	\$ 46,943.05	\$ 30,438.41	8.5%	\$ 47,360.49	\$ 47,360.49	10.0%			
Otto	\$ 26,297.94	\$ 17,642.25	4.9%	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%			
Perham	\$ 27,258.69	\$ 24,251.19	6.7%	\$ 36,344.80	\$ 36,344.80	7.7%			
Pine Lake	\$ 37,737.65	\$ 26,250.23	7.3%	\$ 40,467.89	\$ 40,467.89	8.5%			
Rush Lake	\$ 64,080.27	\$ 40,956.88	11.4%	\$ 63,851.98	\$ 63,851.98	13.4%			
Star Lake	\$ 41,580.68	\$ 8,407.09	2.3%	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%			
City of Dent	\$ 3,820.69	\$ 3,728.62	1.0%	\$ 5,537.31	\$ 5,537.31	1.2%			
City of Perham	\$ 80,725.95	\$ 78,686.77	21.9%	\$ 116,869.48	\$ 116,869.48	24.6%			
City of Richville	\$ 1,698.08	\$ 1,657.17	0.5%	\$ 2,461.03	\$ 2,461.03	0.5%			
	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 360,000.00		\$ 475,000.00	\$ 475,000.00				

## Proposed amendments to the formula for financial contributions to PAEMS.

To accept an amendment, the board would need to vote to approve the changes with a simple majority. Each member entity would then bring the new bylaws to their individual governing bodies (township boards/ city councils) to accept the changes and re-sign the agreement. If all members resign, the new bylaws take effect.

The Bylaws committee was tasked with narrowing down options for the "formula" for financial contributions to the ambulance. Three proposed formulas, along with the current formula, are outlined below for your review. Because the current bylaws specify that all financial contributions would be based on population, including other factors (like call volume) would require a bylaws amendment. Therefore, one of the recommendations below would need to be included in the bylaws changes and go through the re-signing process—probably not taking effect until the January 2025 meeting. The other two recommendations continue to only use population figures, therefore would only take a majority vote of the board to implement (and could take effect at the August meeting).

Additionally, all of the proposed formulas only include the population that are actually within the Perham Area EMS service area. Our current formula includes each member's total population no matter how much of the member's population is covered by Perham Area EMS. The committee recommended to make these changes in order to be more equitable and to open the door to recruiting more members that are only partially covered by the ambulance service area (thus dispersing the financial responsibility).

### Current Formula

This formula is what has currently been approved by the board. If none of the other formulas are selected by the board in August, this is what the financial contributions will default back to. This formula includes entire township populations whether or not the entirety of the township is covered by Perham Area EMS. Additionally this formula weights a seasonal resident the same as a permanent resident, and the total subsidy is divided out evenly to each person.

BUTLER	\$ 9,093.68	1.7%	\$ 22.34
CORLISS	\$ 25,381.87	4.6%	\$ 22.34
DEAD LAKE	\$ 38,251.54	7.0%	\$ 22.34
DORA	\$ 65,890.07	12.0%	\$ 22.34
EDNA	\$ 60,996.91	11.1%	\$ 22.34
GORMAN	\$ 20,242.93	3.7%	\$ 22.34
HOBART	\$ 46,943.05	8.5%	\$ 22.34
OTTO	\$ 28,297.94	4.8%	\$ 22.34
PERHAM	\$ 27,258.69	5.0%	\$ 22.34
PINE LAKE	\$ 37,737.65	6.9%	\$ 22.34
RUSH LAKE	\$ 64,080.27	11.7%	\$ 22.34
STAR LAKE	\$ 41,580.68	7.6%	\$ 22.34
Dent City	\$ 3,820.69	0.7%	\$ 22.34
Perham City	\$ 80,725.95	14.7%	\$ 22.34
Richville City	\$ 1,698.08	0.3%	\$ 22.34

### Simple Population Formula

This formula is very similar to the current formula. The only difference is that it only counts the population that is actually served by the ambulance. For members with partially covered townships, only the parts covered by the ambulance are included. In this formula a seasonal resident is counted the same as a permanent resident, and the total subsidy divided out evenly to each person.

<b>Population + Seasonal Population</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
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<b>BUTLER</b>	\$ 10,037.27	1.8%	\$ 24.66
<b>CORLISS</b>	\$ 28,015.56	5.1%	\$ 24.66
<b>DEAD LAKE</b>	\$ 42,220.64	7.7%	\$ 24.66
<b>DORA</b>	\$ 48,034.77	8.7%	\$ 24.66
<b>EDNA</b>	\$ 67,326.14	12.2%	\$ 24.66
<b>GORMAN</b>	\$ 22,343.40	4.1%	\$ 24.66
<b>HOBART</b>	\$ 51,814.00	9.4%	\$ 24.66
<b>OTTO</b>	\$ 26,704.55	4.9%	\$ 24.66
<b>PERHAM</b>	\$ 30,087.14	5.5%	\$ 24.66
<b>PINE LAKE</b>	\$ 41,653.42	7.6%	\$ 24.66
<b>RUSH LAKE</b>	\$ 70,729.44	12.9%	\$ 24.66
<b>STAR LAKE</b>	\$ 15,839.94	2.9%	\$ 24.66
<b>Dent City</b>	\$ 4,217.13	0.8%	\$ 24.66
<b>Perham City</b>	\$ 89,102.32	16.2%	\$ 24.66
<b>Richville City</b>	\$ 1,874.28	0.3%	\$ 24.66

### 1/3 Formula

This formula weights financial contributions of each member based 1/3 on their resident population, 1/3 on their seasonal population, and 1/3 on their call volume. Because call volume is included in this formula, it will require a bylaws amendment. Also, because factors besides population are considered in the formula, it means that people pay different amounts for the ambulance based on where they live (the per person per year cost varies drastically). It also tends to increase the financial contributions of cities as general call volumes are higher in places where people congregate.

<b>Population</b>	33.3%
<b>Seasonal Population</b>	33.3%
<b>Calls</b>	33.3%

<b>BUTLER</b>	\$ 7,202.27	1.3%	\$ 17.70
<b>CORLISS</b>	\$ 20,988.19	3.8%	\$ 18.48
<b>DEAD LAKE</b>	\$ 33,576.23	6.1%	\$ 19.61
<b>DORA</b>	\$ 35,753.67	6.5%	\$ 18.36
<b>EDNA</b>	\$ 50,220.97	9.1%	\$ 18.40
<b>GORMAN</b>	\$ 18,284.60	3.3%	\$ 20.18
<b>HOBART</b>	\$ 39,998.29	7.3%	\$ 19.04
<b>OTTO</b>	\$ 20,315.33	3.7%	\$ 18.76
<b>PERHAM</b>	\$ 38,970.81	7.1%	\$ 31.94
<b>PINE LAKE</b>	\$ 32,089.01	5.8%	\$ 19.00
<b>RUSH LAKE</b>	\$ 57,327.43	10.4%	\$ 19.99
<b>STAR LAKE</b>	\$ 13,508.19	2.5%	\$ 21.03
<b>Dent City</b>	\$ 8,737.09	1.6%	\$ 51.09
<b>Perham City</b>	\$ 169,193.70	30.8%	\$ 46.83
<b>Richville City</b>	\$ 3,284.21	0.6%	\$ 43.21

### **70:30 Formula**

This formula weights call volume by only population, so would not require a bylaws change. However, it puts more emphasis on regular resident population to account for the fact that seasonal population is only here for part of the year. By emphasizing regular population, the impact of seasonal population is less pronounced, therefore townships that have large seasonal populations may see reduced financial contributions while cities with more regular residents see their portion go up. The range for cost per person is much closer than the 1/3 Formula.

<b>Population</b>	70.0%
<b>Seasonal Population</b>	30.0%

<b>BUTLER</b>	\$ 11,188.08	2.0%	\$ 27.49
<b>CORLISS</b>	\$ 28,721.49	5.2%	\$ 25.28
<b>DEAD LAKE</b>	\$ 36,130.15	6.6%	\$ 21.10
<b>DORA</b>	\$ 38,081.80	6.9%	\$ 19.55
<b>EDNA</b>	\$ 58,550.44	10.6%	\$ 21.45
<b>GORMAN</b>	\$ 22,855.18	4.2%	\$ 25.23
<b>HOBART</b>	\$ 46,503.12	8.5%	\$ 22.13
<b>OTTO</b>	\$ 26,953.44	4.9%	\$ 24.89
<b>PERHAM</b>	\$ 37,050.42	6.7%	\$ 30.37
<b>PINE LAKE</b>	\$ 40,104.52	7.3%	\$ 23.74
<b>RUSH LAKE</b>	\$ 62,573.01	11.4%	\$ 21.82
<b>STAR LAKE</b>	\$ 12,844.16	2.3%	\$ 20.00
<b>Dent City</b>	\$ 5,696.51	1.0%	\$ 33.31
<b>Perham City</b>	\$ 120,215.90	21.9%	\$ 33.27
<b>Richville City</b>	\$ 2,531.78	0.5%	\$ 33.31

<b>BUTLER</b>	1.7%	2.0%	1.3%
<b>CORLISS</b>	4.6%	5.2%	3.8%
<b>DEAD LAKE</b>	7.0%	6.6%	6.1%
<b>DORA</b>	12.0%	6.9%	6.5%
<b>EDNA</b>	11.1%	10.6%	9.1%
<b>GORMAN</b>	3.7%	4.2%	3.3%
<b>HOBART</b>	8.5%	8.5%	7.3%
<b>OTTO</b>	4.8%	4.9%	3.7%
<b>PERHAM</b>	5.0%	6.7%	7.1%
<b>PINE LAKE</b>	6.9%	7.3%	5.8%
<b>RUSH LAKE</b>	11.7%	11.4%	10.4%
<b>STAR LAKE</b>	7.6%	2.3%	2.5%
<b>Dent City</b>	0.7%	1.0%	1.6%
<b>Perham City</b>	14.7%	21.9%	30.8%
<b>Richville City</b>	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%

# Fire Department Annual Update

February 9, 2026

Dear Township,

## Fire and Rescue Vehicle Updates

In 2025, the fire department did not make any major purchases. However, the rescue side acquired a newer Ford Expedition XL to replace the old ambulance-type rescue rig. The new vehicle features four-wheel drive and is smaller, making it easier to maneuver. After recently having lights and sirens installed, the rescue team is now working on transferring equipment to make the new rig operational and ready for service. Once this transition is complete, the department will begin the process of selling the old rescue rig.

## Facility Maintenance and Equipment Purchases

Several maintenance issues were addressed during the year. These included installing a new door opener for bay 1 of the fire hall, adding a new water softener to the rescue building, and replacing the door lock in the rescue building. Additionally, the department purchased a used ice maker, which will provide cold water and energy drinks during extended calls and training sessions. The ice maker will also be valuable during community events.

## Plans for 2026

The department plans to replace the Mini Pumper rig with a four-door, one-ton brush/grass truck. The new pumper's ample storage eliminates the need for the mini pumper as a tool truck. The smaller and lighter grass rig will enhance the department's ability to fight grass and brush fires and can accommodate four to five firefighters, compared to the mini pumper's two. This is especially helpful since the rig will be used to tow the side-by-side vehicle, which also requires two operators. Once a suitable grass rig is acquired, the mini pumper will be put up for sale.

## Grant Applications and Equipment Standards

At the end of last year, the department applied for a DNR grant to purchase new structural firefighter helmets, as the current helmets no longer meet NFPA standards. For the past two years, the department has bought three new sets of turnout gear each year, and another three sets have been ordered this year. After three more sets are purchased in 2027, the department will be fully up to date with NFPA standards for turnout gear. The department lost its pull tab location at Bells Resort but still offers pull tabs at The Dougout in Dent, The Wild Stallion in Richville, and Cozy Cove on Marion Lake during the summer. The impact on gaming income remains to be seen and may require larger contributions from other sources.

## Personnel and Calls

In 2025, two members retired but we added two new members bringing the fire department to 17 members. The department responded to 49 calls last year. The rescue team currently has 11 members and responded to 99 calls. As in previous years, the department encourages townships to help spread the word that Dent Fire and Rescue is seeking new members. Anyone interested should contact Fire Chief Scott VanWatermulen at 218-346-7268. With older members retiring and younger members relocating or leaving for other reasons, the department continually needs new and experienced personnel.

## Invitation to Township Members

Township and board members are invited to view the equipment changes and upgrades made by the department. Those interested can reach out to the Fire Chief or any fire department member to arrange a tour.

Respectfully,

Scott VanWatermulen  
Dent Fire Chief

**DENT FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTUAL/PROJECTED BUDGET**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
FIRE CONTRACTS	89,000	75,500	76,000	82,000	82,000
CITY OF DENT	0	2,500	0	2,500	2,500
FIRE CALLS	0	3,000	4,800	5,000	5,000
DONATIONS	103,610	90,000	103,182	90,000	90,000
SALE OF EQUIP	0	10,000	10,324	42,000	42,000
MISCELLANEOUS	0	500	2,981	1,000	1,000
GRANT FUNDS	4,789	3,000	7,021	4,000	4,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>197,399</b>	<b>184,500</b>	<b>204,118</b>	<b>226,500</b>	<b>226,500</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>BUILDING</b>					
ELECTRICITY	4,885	4,800	5,111	5,200	5,200
FUEL	2,931	3,500	3,407	4,000	4,000
TAXES	77	100	0	100	100
TELEPHONE	848	900	535	700	700
REPAIR & MAINT.	1,111	3,100	4,647	4,000	4,000
<b>PERSONEL</b>					
COMPENSATION	23,428	25,000	22,593	25,000	25,000
WORK COMP	8,095	8,250	9,327	9,500	9,500
BENEFIT INSURANCE	0	200	0	200	200
TRAINING	5,074	5,500	11,667	8,000	6,000
MUTUAL AID PAYMENT	600	0	0	0	0
PHYSICALS	1,650	1,800	0	2,000	2,000
<b>TRUCKS</b>					
FUEL	1,845	2,500	2,152	2,500	2,500
REPAIRS	10,801	12,000	6,408	12,000	12,000
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>					
EQUIP. PURCHASE	4,344	18,000	24,138	20,000	20,000
EQUIP. REPAIR/MAINT.	0	5,500	1,228	5,000	5,000
<b>CAPITAL PURCHASE</b>					
TRUCK PURCHASE	392,711	0	16,340	110,000	30,000
FIRST RESPONSE BLDG	0	0	0	0	0
MAJOR EQUIP. PURCH	14,692	25,000	0	25,000	25,000
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>					
SUPPLIES	12,847	5,500	3,053	5,700	5,700
FIRST RES. SUPPLIES	925	2,000	945	2,500	2,500
ASSN. DUES	605	1,000	1,142	1,200	1,200
CERTIFICATIONS	126	800	465	800	800
ADVERTISING	0	200	0	200	200
INSURANCE (AUTO/BLD)	5,776	5,900	0	6,100	6,100
DONATIONS	1,000	1,300	1,000	1,250	1,250
MISCELLANEOUS	2,204	2,500	4,008	3,000	3,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>496,375</b>	<b>135,350</b>	<b>118,164</b>	<b>251,950</b>	<b>171,950</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(298,976)</b>	<b>49,150</b>	<b>85,954</b>	<b>(25,450)</b>	<b>54,550</b>
<b>Fire Fund Balance</b>	<b>246,454</b>	<b>120,216</b>	<b>332,408</b>	<b>306,958</b>	<b>122,120</b>
<b>Capital Purc. Fund Bal.</b>	<b>103,156</b>	<b>386,000</b>	<b>103,156</b>	<b>103,156</b>	<b>450,000</b>

# Perham Area Public Library

2/04/26

Edna Township  
C/o Echo Dockter, Clerk  
PO Box 114  
Dent, MN 56528

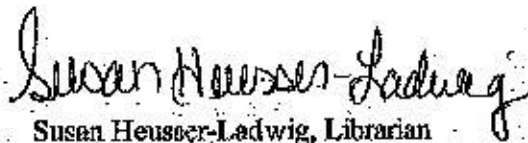
Dear Edna Township Board Members,

As the annual township meeting approaches, the library would like to take this opportunity to connect with you and your residents by sending a representative to your meeting to address any questions or concerns. Our representative will bring general information about the library, along with our annual report for your review.

We would also like to request your continued support for the library with a contribution of \$1,000.00 toward library programs and book purchases, as you provided last year. We believe this request aligns with Minnesota State Statute 365.10, Subd. 14 regarding Annual Town Meetings and the Power of Electors, as outlined in previous communications with the Minnesota Association of Townships.

In 2026, we plan to use donations to update another section of our book collection. The children's fiction section needs to be updated with new books along with replacing old and damaged copies of classics. Additionally, the demand for electronic books and audiobooks for both adults and children continues to grow. Our donation plan for 2026 is to focus on maintaining all these areas. Regardless of your ability to assist us this year, I want to express our gratitude for your past advocacy and support. We truly appreciate the confidence that your township has shown in the public library.

Cordially,

  
Susan Heusser-Ladwig, Librarian

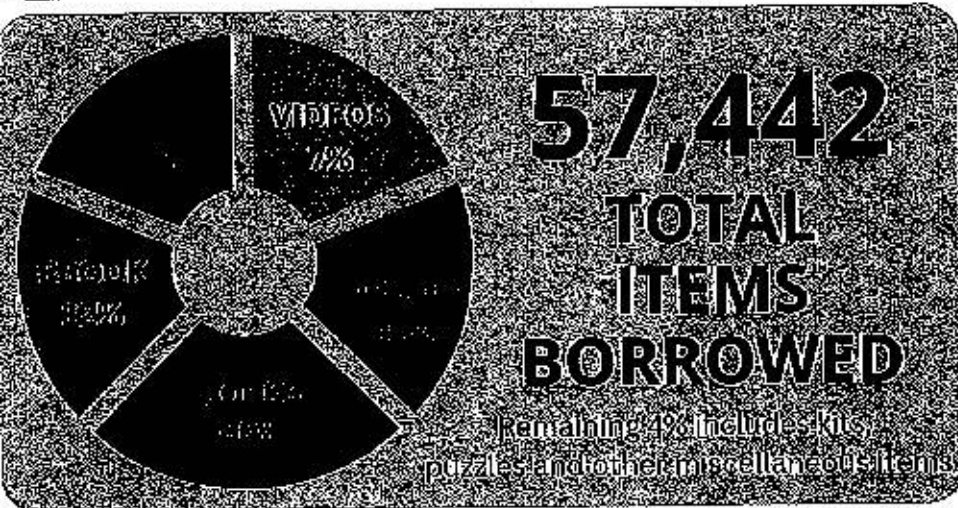


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Visit us on the web at: [www.perhamlibrary.org](http://www.perhamlibrary.org)

# 2025 Year in Review

## PERHAM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY



### MOST CIRCULATED BOOKS:

- *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
- *Pokemon Adventures* by Hidenori Kusaka (graphic novel series)
- *Grey Wolf* by Louise Penny

### MOST WATCHED DVDS:

- *Star Trek the Original Series, Remastered*
- *Masters Vs. Aliens*
- *Transformers, the Last Knight*

**16,098**  
**DIGITAL**  
**ITEMS**  
**BORROWED**

\*28% of Total Circulation

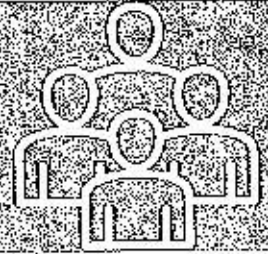
E-BOOKS  
33%

E-AUDIO  
55%

E-MAGAZINES  
11%

\*1% E-Video

**4,271**  
**CARDHOLDERS**



**116**  
**PROGRAMS**

**36,627**  
**TOTAL ITEMS**  
**IN COLLECTION**



### INTERLIBRARY LOANS



**6,402**  
PROVIDED

**8,425**  
RECEIVED

**35,644**  
**PEOPLE**  
**USING**  
**BUILDING**



**2,191**  
**REFERENCE**  
**QUESTIONS**  
**ANSWERED**

**2,904**  
**PUBLIC**  
**COMPUTER**  
**USES**



**2,467**  
**WI-FI SESSIONS**





February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Dear Township Leaders,

The Perham Center for the Arts has experienced tremendous growth with our programming and arts education in the past year. With the completion of our ADA accessibility, we were able to host a number of events for people from the surrounding area to enjoy.

We continue to welcome our community into the Center for the Arts for events, art classes, dance classes, performances, and enriching entertainment.

Here's a look at some of our upcoming events.

- **Friday, February 13th:** Owen Polifka Piano Concert
- **Thursday, April 16th:** Lakes Area Chorale Singers Concert
- **Thursday, April 30th:** Red River Valley Veterans Concert Band at 8 PM

With your support, the Perham Center for the Arts will strive to be a place to experience, share, and learn about the arts for people of all ages, abilities and interests.

We hope you will consider donating to our organization to further our cause. We are authorized to receive public funding according to MN Statutes Appropriation for Artistic Activities 471.941. We thank you in advance for your consideration and continued support.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Hennagir", is written over the typed name.

Katie Hennagir, Executive Director

Board of Directors:

Heide Swenson, Ryan Rustad, Jodi Hall, Karen Laughlin, Doug Eckes, Nettie Schultz, Josh Wimmer

[www.perhamcenterforthearts.org](http://www.perhamcenterforthearts.org)

PO Box 454, 101 5<sup>th</sup> ST NE Perham, MN 56573

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## Township Donation Request

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Chris Schuelke <cschuelke@otchs.org>

To: Echo Dockter <echo1.edna@gmail.com>

The Otter Tail County Historical Society respectfully requests a contribution from Edna township for 2026. This request follows Minnesota State Statute 138.053 allowing township donations to county historical societies.

As our nation celebrates its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, bear in mind our local history is an integral part of that. As the nation expanded after the Civil War immigrants, Civil War veterans and people from other states all moved west to seek a better life. With its unique combination of tillable land and ample water and timber, Otter Tail County became a popular destination. In the ensuing decades of triumph, tragedy and tribulation, our local history is essential in understanding our nation's history.

Since its formation in 1927, the Otter Tail County Historical Society has been tasked with the responsibility to collect, preserve and interpret Otter Tail history. While that mission has evolved over the years, it remains essentially the same. Today, OTCHS is recognized as one of the most active local historical organizations in Minnesota. Through exhibitions, genealogical and local history research, educational outreach and public programming, we offer a unique set of resources for the people of Otter Tail County and beyond.

Township support for OTCHS demonstrates a level of commitment not found elsewhere in the state. People in Otter Tail County understand that history matters and if we do not preserve and learn from that history we will lose much of who we are.

I hope Edna township supports a donation to the Otter Tail County Historical Society. Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Chris Schuelke

Executive Director

## Township and City Government Sponsorships

East Otter County Agricultural Society

Diane Sazama- Fair Secretary/Treasurer

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East Otter Tail County Agricultural Society  
P.O. Box 152  
Perham, MN 56573

February 2026

Dear Township Government Boards,

East Otter Tail County Fair will be celebrating 115 years of providing Family Fun and Entertainment to East Otter Tail County. You have already received a letter asking for support for our centennial celebration and I would like to thank those that have so generously responded to that one-time request.

I am sending this correspondence requesting consideration for funds to help with our operational expenses such as providing family entertainment, educational activities, building maintenance, new building structures, fairground improvements, and general expenses that are necessary for us to continue hosting the East Otter Tail County Fair. We rely on numerous donations and sponsors to operate the county fair and have been facing several cutbacks in funding due to the economy. We are seeking annual donations from our County Townships and Cities so that we will be able to continue the tradition of providing a family-oriented carnival and county fair.

After recently attended the state convention for County Fair Federations we were informed that Township and City governments are allowed to make donations to county fairs according to Minnesota Statute §38.12. A town board may appropriate and pay up to \$1000 a year to a county agricultural society that is a member of the state agricultural society that holds a fair in the town or in close proximity. This authority is supplemental to any other existing appropriation authority Minn.Stat. §38.20.

A town board of a town with a taxable market value of over \$105,000,000 may be appropriated and pay the county up to \$10,000 to aid in the improvement of county fairgrounds located in the town. Minn.Stat. §38.18-19.

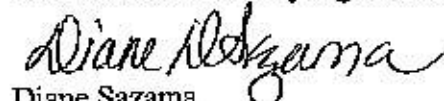
Any contribution that you would be proud to make on behalf of your township would be greatly appreciated. You may indicate specifically how you would like your funds to be used.

Our Fair Board Directors would be willing to attend your monthly or annual meeting to provide you with further information or answer any questions that you may have. Please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to arrange a Fair Board Director to attend your meeting.

You may contact Diane Sazama at 218-849-7520 after 6pm or by e-mail: [woolyacres@arvig.net](mailto:woolyacres@arvig.net).  
I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

East Otter Tail County Agricultural Society



Diane Sazama

East Otter Tail County Fair Secretary/Treasurer