

Edna Township
Regular Board Meeting
January 20, 2026
Dent Community Center, 201 Birch St, Dent MN 56528

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Chairman Bucholz and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ben Bucholz, Keith Brokke, Kenny Moenkedick, Echo Dockter and Debbie Tiegen were present. Karen Marthaler attended via cell phone. Lynn Brokke was present and Torey Sonnenberg joined the meeting later.

The agenda was reviewed. Bucholz motioned to approved the agenda with the addition of the latest email from Perham EMS. Moenkedick 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

The clerk's report of the December meeting was reviewed. Brokke motioned to accept it as written. Moenkedick 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tiegen presented the Treasurer's report. It showed receipts of \$4,717.79, disbursements of \$15,152.45 and working capital of \$456,112.06. Brokke motioned to approve the report as presented. Bucholz 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

There were no bounties to be paid. Noted that the county had paid \$100 for the 100 pair of gopher feet that Edna received in 2025. Also noted that the county reimbursement will raise to \$2.00 per gopher in 2026.

The claims for payment were reviewed. Obviously, the snowplowing invoice for December was high. Roads were plowed 8 times and sanded 4 times. Bucholz motioned to pay the claims as presented. Moenkedick 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously. Bucholz motioned to transfer \$32,300.58 from the money market account to the checking account.

Moenkedick 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Arvig has informed Edna Township of their upcoming fiber communications project in the township. Form the provided map it appears that none of the areas involve township roads. Bucholz motioned to approve the project as per the email attachment. Brokke 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

The new signs, 3 DEAD END and 4 NO WINTER MAINTENANCE, were picked up by Brokke and delivered to Sonnenberg.

The Weed Report information was given to Moenkedick.

Bucholz reported on the January EMS meeting. Noted that the cost will be \$38,323.92 for 2026 and \$59,889.06 for 2027. The 2024 cost was \$55,656 and the 2025 cost was \$60, 996.

The Joint Powers Board asked for townships to consider 2 amendments to the Joint Powers agreement. After a lengthy discussion, Bucholz motioned to approve the January 12, 2026 amendment to the EMS Joint Powers Agreement to continue with the twelve remaining townships and cities. Brokke 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bucholz then motioned to approve the amendment proposed for consideration a at the next quarterly meeting – “6.1 Amendments. The Board may recommend to the Parties amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement. Amendments to the Agreement shall be introduced at a regular Board meeting, after first having all Parties served a notice of such Amendment 30 days in advance. The Board shall act by majority vote to approve or deny any and all amendments to the Agreement. Upon passage of a vote to amend the Agreement, the Agreement shall be considered amended, and an updated copy of this agreement shared with all members within 30 days after the vote.” Brokke 2nd this motion and it passed unanimously.

Bucholz moved to approve the motion to approve “the January 12, 2026 amendments to the EMS Joint Powers Agreement clarifying definitions, updating language, and revising meeting information to reflect current processes” **contingent** on the Joint Powers Agreement also being changed to allow amendments to pass on a majority vote. Moenkedick 2nd this motion, with the contingency, and it passed unanimously.

As part of the discussion of the EMS meeting it was determined that the Edna Board needs more input from the township. Three townships have withdrawn from the Joint Powers Agreement. They will still have ambulance service. The remaining members of the Joint Powers Agreement will pick up their costs. Users of the ambulance service in these

townships will be charged at the same rate as users in townships that are still part of the Joint Powers Agreement. The Board made plans to send postcards to invite the township to attend the Annual Meeting to discuss the current cost and expected increased cost of remaining in the Joint Powers Agreement and the expected consequences of not being a part of the Joint Powers Agreement. The cost of a township mailing will be researched and reported at the February meeting. The February meeting will on Monday, February 9, 2026. The mailing should be done the week of February 23rd. The clerk will send out a draft of the proposed mailing before the February meeting.

The Annual Audit was performed. All bank statements and receipts were available for review. The clerk and treasurer's ledgers of receipts and disbursements were used to verify receipts numbered 681, 685, 689, 696 and 703. Disbursements numbered 4220, 4296, 4303, 4309 and 4318. All amounts matched.

The balance in the Fire Fund is a negative amount. Bucholz motioned to transfer \$2,000 from the Ordinary Fund to the Fire Fund. Moenkedick 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

NOTE the February meeting will be Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7 pm at the Dent Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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Date Range : 1/1/2026 To 1/20/2026

Date	Vendor	Description	Claim #	Total	Account #	Account Name	Detail
01/19/2026	United States Treasury	Form 944 Deposit - medicare taxes for employer and employees and withholding, via EFT	3775	\$900.01	100-41110-103-	Council/Town Board	\$900.01
01/19/2026	Minnesota Department of Revenue	Payroll withholding - deposited on-line	3776	\$208.28	100-41110-103-	Council/Town Board	\$208.28
01/19/2026	NorthStar Safety Inc	7 signs	3777*	\$272.96	201-43144-224-	Road signs - new	\$272.96
01/19/2026	City of Dent	Annual Rent	3778	\$1,800.00	100-41140-412-	Hall Rent (Paid)	\$1,800.00
01/19/2026	Apex Engineering Group	Billing through 1/3/2026	3779	\$1,945.75	201-43149-303-	Engineering	\$1,945.75
01/19/2026	Sonnenberg Excavating, LLC	Showblowing 12/1,4,9,10,11,15,16,19, 23,25,29,31	3780*	\$24,757.17	201-43125-224-401	Ice and Snow Removal	\$24,757.17
01/19/2026	Sonnenberg Excavating, LLC	Empty storage unit	3781	\$200.00	201-43145-224-411	Road signs - replacement - removal	\$200.00
01/19/2026	Otter Tail County Treasurer	Sand and salt - for November 2025	3782*	\$913.45	201-43125-240-401	Ice and Snow Removal	\$913.45
Total For Selected Claims				\$30,997.62			\$30,997.62

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Detail

Date	Vendor	Description	Claim #	Total	Account #	Account Name	Date
							1-20-26
	Benjamin D. Buchholz	Chair, Town Supervisor					
							1-20-26
	Keith Brokke	Town Supervisor					
							1-20-26
	Kenneth A Moenkedick	Town Supervisor					