

ST. MATHIAS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ST. MATHIAS PARK AND RECREATION CENTER
MAY 4, 2026

Board Members Present: Jim Guida, Mark Malinowski, Cassey Veith, Carrie Allord and Brion Fornshell.

Attendees: Paul Koering, Tim Bray, Tom Fleischhacker, Mary Sather, Dave Keehr, and Eric Hilsen

Absent:

The meeting was called to order by the chairman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

General minutes for April were provided in Google Docs. Carrie motioned to approve the minutes, and Jim seconded. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes were provided in Google Docs. Carrie motioned to approve minutes, and Jim seconded. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's report as of April 30, 2026, the balance was \$483,545.37 in the bank, including the CDs. Jim motioned to approve the Treasurer's report; and Carrie seconded. All were in favor, and the motion carried. The claims received by the Claims reviewed by the Supervisors were as follows via Google Docs: Dave Keehr- road maintenance, MAT Township- spring courses, and MCR-posting; Jim motioned to approve the claims, Carrie seconded. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Crow Wing County, Tim completed a project review request with the State Historic Preservation office (SHPO), which determined the bridge is eligible but not officially listed, allowing the use of local funds instead of state or federal funding. This avoids more complex permitting and higher costs, but still requires documented compliance. Several township options were discussed for handling the bridge, including using a house mover, crane, or large backhoe to remove it while minimizing soil disturbance. Efforts must avoid impacting the stream bed, including prohibitions on filling or altering the river, and work should focus on clearing the right-of-way with limited grubbing, trimming only in sensitive areas. Paul Koering is exploring potential federal funding for a future Phase II. Additional considerations include salvaging the structure, streamlining contractor quotes, coordinating with county staff to ensure soil protection, and documenting historical significance with input from a state representative. The recommendation, supported by Tim, is to proceed with Phase I alongside developing cost estimates. St. Mathias Recommendation form for DRT for R. Malinowski stated recommended a ½ split, ensuring parcels are no less than 15 acres per lot. This aligns with our comprehensive plan of maintaining agriculture in rural character.

Spring Road Review is set for Sunday, May 31st. Supervisors will meet at the St. Mathias Park and Rec at 9:00 a.m.

Jim motioned to approve the Credit Card Use Policy, and Mark seconded. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

St. Mathias Library will open May 18. Mary Sather informed the board that there is a tree leaning towards the Town Hall that may need to be removed. Supervisor Malinowski will review the tree onsite.

Carrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m, and Jim seconded. All were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman _____

Clerk _____