

MINUTES  
SQUAW CREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Date: 02/04/2026

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Location: 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa

**CALL TO ORDER:** Steven Lawyer opened and called to order the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

**TRUSTEE ROLL CALL:** Present for Clerk's roll call were Sheri Jandik, Steven Lawyer & Kimberly Smith.

**PUBLIC ROLL CALL:** Bebe Bird and John Bortell of Bortell Welding were in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - December 19, 2025 - Motion by Lawyer and second by Smith to approve the minutes. Ayes: all. Motion approved

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS** - December 2025 Peoples Bank Reconciliations - Motion by Smith, second by Jandik to approve the financial reports. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

**2026 TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIONS** After reviewing the 2026 Trustee organizational actions the following was approved: Motion by Jandik, second by Smith to appoint Steven Lawyer as Trustee Chair for Squaw Creek Township. Ayes: All present. Motion approved. Motion by Lawyer, second by Smith to appoint the following: Sheri Jandik as Vice Chair for Squaw Creek Township; Trustee Chair to the EMS Advisory Board; Trustee Chair for Interment purchases for all Cemeteries; Trustee Chair as Township Historian. Ayes: All present. Motion approved. Motion by Lawyer, second by Jandik to appoint the following with assignments for each cemetery burial as follows: Lawyer – Mt. Tabor Cemetery; Smith – Smith Cemetery; Jandik – Indian Valley Cemetery. Ayes: All present. Motion approved. Motion by Lawyer, second Jandik to appoint Kimberly Smith as Trustee Chair for Fence/Tree Maintenance for all cemeteries. Ayes: All present. Motion approved. Motion by Jandik, second by Smith to appoint Steven Lawyer as Trustee Chair for Fence Disputes. Ayes: All present. Motion approved. Motion by Lawyer and seconded by Jandik to designate the following places for notification of meetings: Clerk to post official publications at Warren County Administration Building, Medora Church, and Fairview Church and Sheri Jandik to post official publications on Squaw Creek Township Facebook and website. Ayes: All present. Motion approved. Motion by Lawyer and second by Smith to reappoint Sheri Jandik and Misti Kosman as signers for all financials and to redesignate People's Bank the official depository for the township.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Tree Trimming – Lawyer will go to Mt. Tabor to review what remains of the damaged trees.
- b. Fence and entrance archways – Bortell Welding, John Bortell presented ideas for the cemetery entrances including scrolling in the Smith Cemetery sign so that it was uniform across the space because it was larger and said there would be no additional cost. Smith said that she has the pieces to fix the top rail. Trustees discussed that there were possibly some missing parts for the top rails and gates and that the fence signage at Mt. Tabor and Indian Valley would need to be attached to fences.
- c. Smith Cemetery Native American Headstone – Lawyer showed the engraved sign and said it will be adhered to the granite and will be ready to set at Smith Cemetery soon.
- d. Flying Township Trustee – Trustees discussed the para bunny for Easter. Lawyer asked for \$50 for small treats for the township to be dropped by para bunny. Motion by Jandik, second by Smith to approve not to exceed \$50 for small trinkets for para bunny to drop on a tentative date of April 4, 2026.
- e. Squaw Creek logo – item tabled for Lawyer to research using AI to create a free logo.
- f. Camera – Lawyer reported that the camera is up and running and that the annual renewal had been paid.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Review mowing bids – After discussion, Jandik will contact Redding Mow and More about concerns should they be awarded the service mowing bid. Then, motion by Lawyer, second by Smith to table this item to the next agenda.

- b. FY2027 Township Budget – Trustees reviewed the budget and noted potential expenditures for the next fiscal year. Then, motion by Lawyer, second by Jandik to approve the levy rate of .07590 for FY2027 and directed the Clerk to set for hearing on March 4, 2026 at 1:15 p.m. at 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa. Clerk will also contact Tim Hill, County Engineer and Brandon Lane with Warren County GIS to address concerns.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM TRUSTEES AND CLERK** – Jandik shared that the EMS Advisory Committee will meet on February 23, 2026.

**CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION** – March 4, 2026 at 1:15 p.m. at 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion by Jandik, second by Lawyer to adjourn at 3:09 p.m. Ayes: All. Motion approved.

**APPROVAL DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Sheri Jandik, Trustee

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Steven Lawyer, Trustee

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Kimberly Smith, Trustee

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Misti Kosman, Clerk