

RESOLUTION #2014 – 01

Scambler Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota

A Resolution Appointing the 2014 Absentee Ballot Board

Whereas, Minnesota Statutes Section 203B.121, subd.1 requires the town board, as the governing body of the town, to appoint a ballot board to process all absentee ballots returned to the town clerk for the town election scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014; and

Whereas, the ballot board must consist of election judges trained in the handling of absentee ballots, or staff trained as election judges; and

Whereas, even though only two members are required to meet whenever an absentee ballot needs to be processed, the ballot board must consist of at least the same number of members as the minimum number of required election judges for the town election, which pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 204B.22 has been determined to be 3 for the March 2014 election for the Town of Scambler, and

Whereas, the Town Board for the Town of Scambler has appointed its election judges for the March 2014 election as required by Minnesota Statutes Section 204B.21;

Now, There Let It Be Resolved: That the Town Board for the Town of Scambler hereby appoints the following election judges to serve as the ballot board required to perform all duties required in the processing of absentee ballots required under Minnesota Statutes Section 203B.121 and all other applicable statutes and rules:

**Aldie Kelsven
David Pederson
Karen Hart
Dennis Carlblom**

**Elinor Wical
Steve Bakken
Christie Shulstad
Bob Burgess**

Be It Further Resolved: That the Town Board of the Town of Scambler hereby authorizes any member of the ballot board to be compensated as required by Minnesota Statutes Section 203B.121. when said member performs any required duty of the ballot board.

Adopted by the Scambler Town Board, January 9th, 2014

Signed By:

Attested by By:

Scambler Board Member
Signed by: Michael Johnson

Aldie Kelsven, Clerk

Resolution In Support of a Comprehensive Omnibus Transportation Finance Bill

Whereas, well maintained and safe roads are essential to the economic health of the State by providing good paying jobs as well as a means of getting products to market, and access to housing, health care, educational facilities, recreational and other assets; and

Whereas, townships in Minnesota are responsible for maintaining approximately 56,000 miles of road and 6,000 bridges, representing approximately 40% of the total road miles in the Statewide system; and

Whereas, townships collectively spend over 50% of their cumulative budgets on road and bridge maintenance expenses; and

Whereas, property taxes represent the primary source of revenues for townships; and

Whereas, despite the best efforts of townships and other road authorities across the State, rural roads in Minnesota have recently been rated among the worst in the nation; and

Whereas, a recent review of the needs of State and local road authorities revealed a 20-year need in excess of \$50 billion; and

Whereas, for every year a transportation project is delayed due to inadequate funding, the cost of the project increases significantly; and

Whereas, bonding dollars are useful supplements to address particular projects, they do not provide a source of the on-going new revenues needed to meet the growing transportation needs around the State; and

Whereas, the members of the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT), a voluntary membership organization currently representing all but two of the State's nearly 1,800 townships, have long supported sustainable funding from the State to support road maintenance efforts, including periodic increases to the gas tax and other revenue sources; and

Whereas, gas tax revenues are constitutionally dedicated for road purposes through the Highway User Trust Fund (HUTF), and a portion of these funds are set aside for township road purposes, the only dedicated funding for roads towns receive; and

Whereas, townships recognize that transit options are important for many other communities in both metropolitan and rural areas of the State; and

Whereas, the best approach to funding both roads and transit needs is for the interested parties to work collaboratively towards equitable funding for both roads and transit; and

Whereas, a financing package that funds only roads or only transit, or that provides funding to some road authorities but not others, creates a divide that pits local units of government against each other and provides a disservice to the residents of the State;

Therefore be it resolved that Scamblers Township, Otter Tail County, hereby encourages the 2014 Minnesota State Legislature to pass, and Governor Dayton sign into law, a comprehensive Omnibus Transportation Finance Bill that provides increased, dedicated and sustainable funding to equitably address the transportation and transit needs of Counties, Cities and Townships.

Adopted January 9th, 202014

Michael Johnson
Chairperson

Aldis Kuebler
Clerk

RESOLUTION # 2014-02
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**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION FOR TOWNSHIP
OFFICIALS**

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WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute #365.07 authorizes a town to pay town officers as well as other contingent expenses for the benefit of the town;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute #366.01 authorizes a town board to draw orders on the town treasurer to pay town expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of Scambler Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota does hereby establish the fee schedule as follows:

Compensation of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per meeting shall be paid to town officers for each official meeting where attendance is required. Any meeting that is recessed to a later time is deemed to be the same meeting and will be paid as a single meeting.

Compensation of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per meeting shall be paid to Planning and Zoning Agency members for each official meeting where attendance is required. Any meeting that is recessed to a later time is deemed to be the same meeting and will be paid as a single meeting.

An hourly fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15) per hour shall be paid to anyone doing work authorized by the town board on behalf of the town.

An annual salary of Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$4400) over and above the individual meeting fee shall be paid the township clerk.

An annual salary of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000) over and above the individual meeting fee shall be paid to the township treasurer.

A mileage rate equal to the IRS allowable rate per mile shall be paid for the use of private vehicles to conduct business of behalf of the town.

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Any direct expenses incurred by an individual on behalf of the town shall be reimbursed at face value with documentation of the expense.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall **automatically renew annually unless amended or repealed by the town board by resolution.**

Supervisor Supervisor Supervisor

Supervisor Supervisor

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk

Attest: _____
Chairman

RESOLUTION 2014 – 03
Scambler Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota

A Resolution to establish proper authority for financial accounts

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the town board to oversee the financial resources of Scambler Township.

Whereas, the majority of those resources are controlled through the townships checking, savings, and Certificate of Deposit accounts.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the town board of Scambler Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota, does hereby declare that the only persons who shall have the authority to sign checks, transfer monies, withdraw monies and/or deposit moneys concerning those accounts shall be:

David Pederson – Scambler Township Treasurer

Lou Ann Zurn – Scambler Township Clerk

_____ Scambler Township Chairperson

_____ Scambler Township Vice Chair

Be It Further Resolved, that the Scambler Township Board request that all other persons who are listed on the respective signature cards for the aforementioned accounts shall be removed from said signature cards.

Be It Further Resolved, that this resolution shall supersede any previously dated resolution concerning the financial accounts of Scambler Township.

Supervisor Supervisor Supervisor

Supervisor Supervisor

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 20____

Attest: _____
Town Clerk – Lou Ann Zurn

RESOLUTION # 2014 – 04
Scambler Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING SCAMBLER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS PERMISSION TO SPEND EMERGENCY FUNDS

WHEREAS, Township supervisors are charged with the care and maintenance of township roads.

WHEREAS, emergency situations arise from time to time that must be handled by individual supervisors outside of a normal meeting setting.

WHEREAS, MAT recommends that the board delegate authority to those supervisors, allowing them to enter into contracts on the township's behalf.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Scambler Township supervisors be allowed to spend up to \$2500.00 on the township's behalf without prior board approval.

Supervisor Supervisor Supervisor

Supervisor Supervisor

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____

Attest: _____
Clerk

Attest: _____
Chairman

RESOLUTION #2014 – 05
Scambler Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota

**A RESOLUTION ALLOWING SCAMBLER TOWNSHIP TO
LEVY TO PARCEL NUMBER 55000250182000, FIRE CALL
EXPENSE, TO BE COLLECTED WITH 2015 OTTER TAIL
COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, regarding first letter dated June 26th, 2014, sent by Scambler Township to parcel #55000250182000 requesting remaining fire call expense in the amount of \$248.05 be paid to the Township of Scambler, no response was received.

WHEREAS, regarding second certified letter dated September 3rd, 2014, sent by Scambler Township to parcel #5000250182000 demanding remaining fire call expense in the amount of \$248.05 to be paid to the Township of Scambler, letter was not accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Scambler Township hereby certifies the amount of \$248.05 be collected with 2015 Otter Tail County Property Taxes due from parcel #55000250182000.

Supervisor

Supervisor

Supervisor

Supervisor

Supervisor

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20__

Attest: _____
Clerk

Attest: _____
Chairman

RESOLUTION #2014 – 06
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A RESOLUTION FOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR UTILITY FACILITIES PLACEMENT (Originally Submitted by Welch Township, Goodhue County)

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WHEREAS, on multiple occasions a township or its contractors have been held liable for utility facilities that were improperly placed in or along road or right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, there have been several instances where neither the locator service nor the utility companies could identify if a utility facility was active or abandoned; and

WHEREAS, a township may grant specific approval but not blind permits to utility companies or their assignees to place facilities within or along the township's rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, there are many instances when utility facilities are placed under the driving surface, or near the driving surface of roadways, and over or through culverts in such a manner as to make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to properly maintain the roads.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Minnesota Association of Townships be authorized to seek amendments to the law to make all utility companies responsible for the placement of utility facilities in a uniform standard, at the outside edge of the documented town right-of-way; therefore, the townships would not be financially responsible for improperly marked utility equipment found in or near the driving surface of the roadways;

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Be it Further Resolved, that the road authority would be immune from damages incurred, and that utility companies be responsible for damages to township infrastructure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Scambler Township of Otter Tail County and the Scambler Town Board support this Resolution.

Supervisor Supervisor Supervisor

Supervisor Supervisor

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20 ____

Attest: _____
Clerk

Attest: _____
Chairman

L&R Committee – Approved 6/3/14
L&R Subcommittees Chairpersons Final Review – Approval pending
MAT Annual Conference Action – Vote Scheduled for 11/22/14