

Arna Township Planning Commission January 7, 2026

The Arna Township Planning Commission was called to order by Zoning Administrator, Bob Brewster at 6:00 P.M. In addition to Bob, the Members of the Board attending were Walt Hodgeman, Andy Allen, Bill Sierberling and Secretary and Board Member, Cheryl Wickham. Guests: Glen Sladek and Jan Proffit.

Bob opened the meeting and the Pledge to the flag was recited.

The Board reviewed and discussed a hand-out sheet from Bob called "Status of Arna Township SSTS as of 12/31/2025." This data was part of the annual report to the Mn PCA for the year just ending, that Bob wanted to share with the whole board.

Bob had learned recently that DNR Shoreland Rules required that all applications in a Shoreland Area include SSTS Compliance Inspections, which two kinds of our existing permit application forms do not require. The issue was discussed and passed to add Sewer System Complaint Inspection in Shorelands to the appropriate applications, but a motion was made by Walt and 2nd by Andy to defer changing our ordinance to say this until the next Ordinance update. All yay and motion carried.

The violation list was discussed and reviewed. It was decided that no action be taken now for the Erickson Violation. The Landherr violation is for no Site Permit. Bob has written him three times over two years, and he has not yet replied. It was voted step by step by the Planning Commission to pursue this issue as follows: Page 75 of the 2025 Zoning Ordinance, Enforcement Violations, lines 1 thru 7 were all voted yes by each member. Line 8 was left open pending future events. The next step is to contact Landherr one last time by certified mail, and if compliance is not achieved within 30 days of his receipt of it, then send the matter to the township attorney for filing in District Court.

A proposed 2027 Zoning budget sheet was handed out by Bob, and discussed for submission to the Town Board for their February meeting when they set the next cycle of budgets for the annual meeting in March. Line 4 was changed from \$2,500.00 to \$2,200.00.

Motion made by Walt and second by Andy to adjourn. The Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for April 1, 2026.

Cheryl Wickham –
Secretary