

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TSHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, January 21st, 2026 at 10:00am
Timothy Tomsich Community Center or Zoom (see email for how to join)

Call to Order/Roll Call: President Nancy Larson at 10:04am

In-Person Attendance: Linda Folstad-Secretary, Dianna Sundahl-Board, Richard Hanson-Board

Virtual/Phone Attendance: Nancy Larson-President, Louise Gately-Vice President, Alan Kilberg-Board, Linda Haugen-Board, David Desannoy-Board,

Absent: Diane Meehan-Treasurer, Cliff Koski-Board, Mary St Onge-Board, Dick Peyla-Board

Approval of Agenda and Action Items:

Nancy asked to add grant writing to the agenda.

Motion by Dianna Sundahl to approve the meeting agenda amended as proposed.

2nd by Alan Kilberg

Motion carried 7-0

Meeting Minutes: November 19th, 2025

Motion to Approve

Motion by Dianna to approve the minutes of the November 19th, 2025, meeting with correction to the heading per Linda Folstad.

2nd by Richard Hanson

Motion carried 7-0

Torie's presentation on the audit has been moved to the March board meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- November, December 2025
- 2026 Budget Approval
 - There will \$18,000 coming from reserves to meet this year's needs as there is now a building to heat and light and etc. with not enough coming in to cover all expenses.
- Master Vendor List Approval

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Reports:

Motion by Linda F. to accept the Treasurer's reports as presented.

2nd by Alan

Motion carried 8-0

Motion to Authorize Disbursements: November, December 2025

Motion by Alan to authorize the disbursements for November and December

2nd by Linda F.

Motion carried 8-0

Motions to Approve 2026 Budget and Master Vendor List:

Motion by Dianna to approve the 2026 Budget as presented.

2nd by Louise Gately

Motion carried 8-0

Linda Folstad and Dianna Sundahl need added to the list, and Kathy Siskar and Doug Workman need removed.

Motion by Louise to approve the Master Vendor List as amended.

2nd by Richard

Motion carried 8-0

Executive Committee: *No activity*

***Committee Reports:** (Per By-Laws, the President, or in his/her absence, the Vice-President, shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.)

Standing Committees and Leaders:

1. St. Louis County Historical Society: Linda Folstad – See attached
2. Communications: Louise Gately, Nancy Larson – See attached
3. Depot Museum and Trains – Facility Management: Linda Folstad, Linda Haugen, Nancy Larson – See attached
 - *Train Cars
 - *Settlers Cabin
 - *Depot Museum Management
4. Fire Hall Management: Leone Graf, Nancy Larson – See attached
5. Fund Raising (Pledges, Capital Campaign): Louise Gately, Nancy Larson – See attached
6. Grant Writing: Nancy Larson – See attached
7. Membership: Linda Folstad – 135 Active Members as of 12/31/2025

Project Committees and Leaders:

1. Annual Meeting: Louise Gately, Linda Haugen, Nancy Larson – *No report*
2. Events/Programs: Louise Gately, Nancy Larson – See attached
3. Nominating: (Appointed in July) – *No report*
4. Past Perfect Web Edition: Nancy Larson – See attached
5. Soudan Mine Memorial: Elaine McGillivray – *No report*

Committee Reports Questions/Discussion:

There was a delay with the Fire Hall HVAC, and they will now be done by the end of January instead of the 17th.

Linda F. noted that the newsletter was not mailed out from Past Perfect and instead sent through the membership Gmail account. They were sent in four or five batches, and there were several returned as undeliverable that will need to be looked into.

Motion to Approve Reports

Motion by Linda Haugen to approve the Committee Reports as presented.

2nd by Louise

Motion carried 8-0

Old Business:

- Stock Donation Program: Received one donation which is housed at Ameriprise. The donor suggested holding onto it until it is needed as it continues to grow in value.

New Business:

- Fire Hall Project Status: IRRRB was interested in providing funding for the last portion of the work (\$275,000), but they ran out of money. There is a grant the city can apply to with IRRRB for the project and then pass the funds along to TSHS. We will get our application in and hope that they can find the funds to award at some point over the next several months. The Minnesota Historical Society has also awarded us a grant of \$280,000 for this last portion of work. Through various sources, we were able to raise the funds to finish preparing the space that the City is planning to rent out in the building. In the City's resolution to rent the space, they expressed interest in owning the building. Nancy informed them that that would be a discussion our Board would need to have once all of the grant obligations have been fulfilled. In that case, the City would be responsible for all future upkeep and expenses with TSHS still having access to the event and common spaces.
- Train Depot Project Status: The Depot also did not get funded this last cycle by IRRRB. They suggested that the City apply to them for the exterior improvement costs in July. The City was awarded a \$308,000 grant from the Minnesota Historical Society for the project work. This leaves a \$165,000 gap in funding. There were questions posed about the steps and if we are required to be ADA compliant which it was stated we are not. Concerns regarding the safety of the bell were also discussed with Linda F. providing directions on how it should be reinstalled to ensure there are no safety concerns in the future. Nancy mentioned there were past noise complaints with the bell being rung during the night and that must be considered when determining the future placement of it.
- Dates for TSHS 2026 Calendar: Katie will send the draft calendar out after the meeting for input so please follow up with Louise if you have any additions or edits.
- AARP Minnesota 2026 AARP Community Challenge Grant Program: Nancy is looking for input on how to make the Depot area a more user-friendly space and will send the application link to anyone interested in providing input. Ideas for the grant application are a new bench outside the Depot, a handicap accessible picnic table to replace the current one and possibly some funds for the steps going into the train engine.
- Resolution and Proposal for Grant Writing Services: Nancy was not planning to do much grant writing this year, but things changed.
 - Motion by Dianna to approve resolution 2026-1 as presented to apply for funds from IRRRB for grant writing.
 - 2nd by Louise
 - Motion carried 8-0

Adjourn:

Motion by Dianna to adjourn at 11:22am

2nd by Linda H.

Motion carried 8-0

Next Board Meeting is March 18, 2026, at 11:00am.