

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TSHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, May 20th, 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 10:02am

In-Person Attendance: Nancy Larson-President, Linda Folstad-Secretary, Dianna Sundahl-Board, Richard Hanson-Board, Alan Kilberg-Board, Louise Gately-Vice President

Virtual/Phone Attendance: Dick Peyla-Board, Linda Haugen-Board,

Absent: David Desannoy-Board, Diane Meehan-Treasurer, Mary St Onge-Board

Approval of Agenda and Action Items:

Motion by Alan Kilberg to approve the meeting agenda with New Business additions.

2nd by Louise Gately

Motion carried 8-0

Meeting Minutes: April 15, 2026

Motion to Approve

Motion by Dianna Sundahl to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026, meeting

2nd by Linda Folstad

Motion carried 8-0

Treasurer's Report:

- April 2026

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Reports:

The reconciliation reports that were in the packet are not accurate, but Dianna does have the corrected reports.

Motion by Alan to hold off on Treasurer report approvals until the next Board meeting.

2nd by Dianna

Motion carried 8-0

Motion to Authorize Disbursements: April 2026

These will be reviewed and approved at the June meeting.

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 – 132 Active Members as of 4/30/2026

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 – *No report*
5. Soudan Mine Memorial: Elaine McGillivray – See attached

Committee Reports Questions/Discussion:

Motion to Approve Reports

Motion by Louise to approve the Committee Reports as presented.

2nd by Alan

Motion carried 8-0

New Business:

- Train Depot Museum Schedule: Nancy expects the work to take about two weeks. They have dug down about eight feet for the new beam because the old one was rotted. In the meantime, the steps to get into the Depot have gone away but there are wooden steps that can be pulled over and used or a yellow stool if people need to go in to do work. However, these items should be stored back away after use as the public should not be using them to get into the Depot or train. Richard mentioned that the preschool trip to the train this year will need to be cancelled given everything being worked on. Further work will be done in the parking lot and train tracks with hopes that everything is completed by July 6th. The museum will be closed until further notice and Nancy has posted this to the Facebook page and alerted the newspaper. The AARP grant for funds for new steps to the train, benches, interpretive signage, etc. did not come through, so Nancy and the City are looking into other funding options.
- Train Museum Sign: In the end, it will be the City's decision about what kind of sign replaces the current one. It will likely not have movement until the City can secure some type of funding for the replacement. In the meantime, Linda F and Nancy will talk with the City about painting over the parts of the sign that are inaccurate.
- Treasurer's Reports: It was agreed that the reports that are currently sent out to the Board are too much and overwhelming. Dianna suggested Diane speak with the auditor about what legally needs to be reviewed and approved each month (reconciliation, bank statements, balance sheet, etc). She will follow up with Diane regarding this.
- "Heritage Week": Louise would like to have the week of July 12th declared "Heritage Week" by the City of Tower and Breitung Township. That week, there is the Old Settler's event, Miner's Breakfast and a Train Tales that will focus on the story and meaning behind "stone soup" and the importance of community. Louise will need to go before both the City of Tower and Breitung Township to request they declare the week "Heritage Week". She was given dates of their next meetings to go and make her case with the Board's support.

Motion by Louise to proceed with requesting the cities designate the week of July 12-18 "Heritage Week"

2nd by Dianna

Motion carried 8-0

- Settler's Cabin: Linda F. brought up that parts of the exterior of the cabin are rotting, and we should start thinking about how we would like to maintain and preserve it for the future. Nancy mentioned that Leone Graf is a specialist in this type of thing, so she will ask her to come and do a preliminary review of the cabin. Linda H. said she spoke with Kelsey, and she is going to write up some descriptions for the cabin, and Linda will get them printed out on special paper to match the ones in the Depot. She also mentioned that the windows are very, very fragile and need attention so that they do not fall out and can be cleaned properly.
- Other comments: Dick Peyla's storage offer did not need to be used as all the items were able to be stored in the corner of the baggage room or taken to the dump. A window was broken by students playing soccer. The City is taking care of getting it fixed in conjunction with the school. The Linda's and their husbands spent several hours reinstalling the brass fixtures on the train that had been removed so it could be painted. Work continues on the Fire Hall. There is a temporary wall in place and work should be completed between June 1 thru June 30 (see Fire Hall report). Ideally, the City personnel will be able to move into the offices there sometime in August.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 11:17am

Next Board Meeting is June 17, 2026, at 10:00am.

**Please review the attached most recent committee list and responsibilities (located at the end of the board packet). Contact Linda F. if you wish to be added or removed from any of the committees listed.*