

Clerk's Report-May 11th, 2026

Claims #11367 to #11384 totaling \$31,785.52

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Naomi Scott, Mission Township Clerk



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Fireworks Displays

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Mon, May 4, 2026 at 3:05 PM

Naomi,

I have a question for the Mission Township board.

Does the township board take a stance on 4th of July fireworks displays?

We have a place on Horseshoe Lake. Over the years, fireworks have gone from a few Black-cat firecrackers and bottle rockets to several hundred if not thousand dollar displays.

It is my understanding that unless permits are acquired, these displays are illegal. In addition, they are disruptive and stressful for wildlife, dogs and humans. With what seems to be persistent dry conditions, these displays are also fire risks.

If the township has some guidance, could it be shared with the lake property associations in the township?

Thanks

Dave Schmidt



April 30, 2026

Township officers:

I am excited to share that the Minnesota Association of Townships Board of Directors has appointed Ellsburg Township Supervisor John Upton to represent District 10 on the MAT Board. He is an engaged member who has participated in many programs and events over the years, as well as an accomplished professional and experienced nonprofit leader.

In addition to his responsibilities as a township supervisor, John is currently the division manager for Public Works and Utilities for the City of Duluth. He's also president of the City of Duluth Supervisors Association Executive Board, which negotiates labor contracts, memorandums of understanding, and any labor disputes from grievances to binding arbitration. These experiences demonstrate John understands the fiduciary duty and mission-oriented leadership that nonprofit organizations like ours need. Please join me in welcoming him to the MAT Board!

In accordance with our bylaws, the MAT Board of Directors has several options for filling director vacancies. Two years ago, in an election with more votes than any in our history, our members overwhelmingly approved updating the MAT bylaws to clarify the Board's role in appointing qualified directors to fill unexpected vacancies, which is consistent with the approach of many nonprofits.

The MAT Board collectively decided to appoint a new director to ensure effective, representative governance that allows us to remain focused on our mission to support and promote township governments like yours. We will also consider the same approach to identify and appoint a new director for the vacant District 3 seat.

We remain committed to serving our members and the townships you represent. Thank you for your continued leadership.

Tammy Carlson
President, Minnesota Association of Townships Board of Directors