Town of Summit Extra Town Board Meeting minutes
Thursday January 22, 2026, Summit Town Hall

1. **Call to Order:** The Extra board meeting for Thursday January 22, 2026, having been duly posted at the transfer site, town hall, town garage, and 3 businesses – Drifters Trail, Amnicon Bar & The Backyard on Amnicon Lake, & Tri Lakes Community Center, meeting was called to order by Chairman Nicholas Hudacek at Noon.
2. **Roll call** was taken. Present were Nicholas Hudacek - Chair, Dan Zuchowski, Supervisor, Rae Ann Edwards Supervisor and Daniel Corbin, Clerk. Terri LaFlamme, Treasurer, was not present. Eric Olson and Mike Christiansen were also present.
3. Chairman Nick Hudacek started the meting off explaining that the purpose of the extra board meeting was to discuss options for our excavator, which is in major disrepair.
    a. Nick turned the meeting over to Eric Olson, our lead employee, who has been doing all the research , along with Nick Hudacek to try and figure out what our options are to either replace the excavator or repair it.
        i. Looking at repairing the excavator Eric contacted several business to get estimates to fix various aspects of the excavator. The Theory was if we repair the excavator, we need to fix everything that has to be repaired, fixed.
            1. Barker's welding – the under carriage is a one-piece unit, so if you fix one side, you will also have to fix the other side. Estimate to repair was $13,250.00, that is to rebuild lower frame/track frame, cover all corroded areas and thin material with ¼' thick steel plating. (labor - $10,000, parts - $3,250.00) Start work in early march.
            2. FABICK – Repair Bucket bushings, etc. $9,615.75
            3. Cragin machine shop – Bucket repair quote - $5,000.00 + Cost of a cutting edge if it is needed.
            4. Empire Bucket – New bucket – ¾ yd, with bolt on cutting edge. - $10,150.00.
            5. Work warranty from FABICk - $6,900.00
            6. Fabick – To repair air conditioner - $2,025.91.
            7. Cost of new chair, seat - $1200.00
            8. Total to repair excavator - $$48,141.66.
        ii. Once we went over the cost of repair, the question put out there is the machine worth it to put that kind of money into an 20-year old machine. Most agreed that that is not an option, because what also could go wrong with the unit itself, good thing is the machine only has about 5000 hours on it. Most thought repair is not worth it. Also, whatever amount of money we put in the excavator for repairs that will not affect the price we get when we sell the excavator in the future.
        iii. So, the discussion turned do we buy a new machine, and can we afford it. That starts to cut things close. Dan Zuchowski stated that we need to keep about 4 months of expenses on hand so that we do not run cash short and we can't pay the bills. Approximately $250,000. Also, Dan Z stated that if we borrow the money, we can't put any more on the residents for taxes, so can we pay for a machine in cash.
        iv. Couple of other things to keep in mind, we used, earmarked $100,000, of our savings to balance our 2026 budget. And we also have committed to buying a dump truck after our grader is paid for.
        v. After all the discussion, pros and cons, A motion was made by Rae Ann Edwrads, 2nd by Nick Hudacek to put out bids for a new excavator and make the decision at our next meeting. Bids should include two types of buckets, comparable model to the machine that we have now. Check with BCPL, national Bank of Commerce for Financing, and also financing from manufacturers to see what our financing options are. After no further discussion the motion was approved. Bids will be opened at our next meeting. February 9th, 2026. Nick had a list of 5 companies to send bids to.
        vi. This was a tough discussion, but a very good discussion about options and what our financial situation is.
4. After no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Rae Ann Edwrds, 2nd by Dan Zuchowski. Motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned.

Approved March 9, 2026
Respectfully submitted
Daniel D Corbin, Town Clerk