

Royalton Township Public Hearing Minutes  
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Approved

6:30 p.m., 30 September 2025, Planning Commission Chair Jeff Schlaeger called to order the duly posted and published hearing of the Royalton Township planning commission. Planning Commission members present: Chair Jeff Schlaeger, Supervisor John Graham, Supervisor Pete Belland, and Clerk Duane Swanson; Septic Administrator Amy Thompson also attended. Approximately 12 members of the public were in attendance.

Chair Schlaeger declared the purpose of the hearing: To seek public testimony on an application of Jake L. Fedder for an interim use permit to operate a used vehicle sales shop at 10001 Brunswick Road, Pine City, MN 55063 (PID 290153002). He announced the rules for the hearing as printed in the agenda. Clerk Swanson had previously distributed to attendees a draft findings of fact based upon discussions during working planning commission meetings of 12 August 2025 and 9 September 2025. Mr. Fedder had participated in these meetings at which time the commission reviewed the elements required in the town's zoning ordinance to be considered before the granting of an interim use permit. The commission recommended seven (7) additional restrictions to which Mr. Fedder agreed.

Chair Schlaeger asked for remarks from the audience. Mr. Fedder responded to several questions from the audience and the commission. Septic Administrator Thompson and Clerk Swanson commented on the existing subsurface sewage treatment system in the structure which will house this business and recommended the inclusion of two additional points to the draft findings of fact:

- #8. Requires the installation of a water meter and alarm for the septic system.
- #9. Requires a valid monitoring and disposal contract executed between the owner and a licensed maintenance business that guarantees the removal of the holding tank contents in a timely manner. A copy of the contract shall be submitted to the township along with yearly invoices verifying that the tank has been pumped.

Both of these additional requirements conform to the town's existing zoning ordinance.

Clerk Swanson noted that the town office had received one email response endorsing this application; no other responses had been received. Clerk Swanson explained that the next steps would be for the planning commission to discuss the comments at the public hearing and make a recommendation to the board. The board then would make a final determination. Chair Schlaeger asked for any additional comments; none was offered.

At 6:40 p.m., Supervisor Graham moved, Supervisor Belland seconded, to adjourn the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_, Jeff Schlaeger, Chair  
\_\_\_\_\_, John Graham, Member  
\_\_\_\_\_, Pete Belland, Member