

2025 ARAGO ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

March 11th, 2025

Meeting began at 7pm

Vote in a moderator:

- The residents decided on Larry Bumgardner to moderate the 2025 Annual Meeting.
- Eric made mention of setting the amount to pay the appointed moderator. Larry made the motion to set the pay to \$75 with no objections from the residents.

2024 Meeting Minutes →

- Eric wants the fire contract attached separately going forward into the 2026 with the breakdown of the cost.

2024 Treasurer's Report →

- Kristin Hoff read off the treasurer's report for 2024.
- Eric brought up the total amount of the general fund.

2024 Road Report →

The board voted to keep the same tax levies during the Board of Audit meeting

Charlene Christenson made the motion to accept the levy amounts as presented. Eric wanted to discuss the budgeting and how the levies are decided on. Conversation was had between Charlene and Eric discussing the budgeting being in the monthly treasurer's reports.

2024 Arago Levy	
General	\$70,000
Roads	\$255,000
Fire	\$30,000
Total	\$355,000

Donation requests (separate document)

Speakers who came to previous meetings on the dates provided by the board:

- Headwater's Center for Lifelong Learning – Carol Schellack
- Northwood's Wildlife – Julie Dickie
- Let's Go Fishing – Fred L
- Hubbard Co Historical Society – Jan R

Speakers who attended on behalf of donations requested from the board:

- **Hubbard Co First Response & Rescue** – Terry Long spoke about the areas they service and what functions they service during the summer. A resident asked about the delayed ambulance issue in the area and how they are handling it. Bob Stulich

asked Terry how many first responders are working the area 24 responders in the area – 13 EMR, 9 EMT, 2 Paramedics.

- **Kinship**
- **Park Rapids Library** – Liz Shaw. The Park Rapids Library is celebrating their 125th year of service to the area. They offer printing to the public for 10 cents a copy.
- **Living at Home** – Jo came to speak on behalf of Living at Home. 96 volunteers donated 7,400 hours.
- **Headwater’s Animal Shelter**
- **Hubbard County Food Shelf**

Larry Bumgardner opened a discussion on how to decide on the \$10,000 in donations. Arago residents weighed in on funding for each group and votes were tallied with hands being raised.

- A motion was made by Robert Adkins to maintain the \$0 to the library. The motion did not stand.
- A motion was made to move Northwood’s Wildlife donation back to \$400. This motion was approved.
- Carol Schellack mentioned removing \$100 from HCLL to give to the Park Rapids Library.
- Lance Barnum wants the letters to go out with donations again for requesting speakers at dates other than the annual meeting.

Township website is up for renewal this year – Previously we spent \$2,644 for 3 years of hosting.

<p>2026 Arago Annual Meeting Tuesday March 10th, 2026 At 7pm 10244 County 41 Park Rapids, MN 56470</p>

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm.