

## Stanton Township Board Meeting

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**Attending:** Chair, Karen Slininger; Vice-Chair, Bob Benson; Supervisor, Bruce Ohmann; Road Manager, Danny Lundell; Treasurer, Mary Lundell; Clerk, Cheryle Peters; Goodhue County Deputy Sheriff, Tom Blue; Mary Ohmann and Sue Mieska; Thomas Whipple and Tyler Swanson; Jenelle and Ruth Sternitzky attended via Zoom.

Chair, Karen Slininger called the meeting to order at 7pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chair, Karen Slininger, called to reveal any conflicts of interest.

**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed.

**Approval of Minutes From June 18th, 2024:** Bob Benson made a motion to approve the June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting minutes removing the extra “supervisor” language; and the change of language to “credited to account” on the subject of the un- used balance LP Pre-pay agreement for 2023. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0.

### **Public to Speak Regarding Non- Agenda Items:**

Karen Slininger invited Deputy Tom Blue from the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office, to speak from the podium; some discussion ensued regarding a water rescue and sign thefts in the township.

Sue Mieska, 29679 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Way, commented on the positioning of the “Road Closed” signage related to the June flooding. Some discussion ensued regarding signs, barricades, timing, water rescue and criminal activity.

Jenelle Sternitzky, 30991 Oxford Mill Road, commented on operations associated with Cannon Custom Cabinets; Chair Slininger noted that she had been working on the composition of a letter for regulatory purposes.

### **Zoning Requests/Permits:**

1. Thomas Whipple, on behalf of Wendy Carrol, requested a Zoning Certificate approving the construction of an addition (55x 76) to an existing pole barn, Parcel # 410261200, 30.32 acres in Stanton Township A-2; Goodhue County zones the property A-2. Setbacks were reviewed; sidewalls were stated as 14 feet high.

Bob Benson made a motion to approve the request, as it had been stated. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

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### Clerk's Report:

Cheryle reported the following:

1. The Presidential Nomination Primary Grant Application had been certified to Secretary of State's Office. The ACH should be coming directly from the SOS fiscal department.
2. FEMA Claims would be in process soon, pending an applicant meeting. The meeting should be scheduled soon by Goodhue County Emergency Management.
3. The notice for Bergen, Incorporated work was written and posted on the website and the window and bulletin board.
4. Cheryle requested permission to place Beacon ads for publication in the Legal Notices Section for: Planning Commission meeting change, State Primary Election and Public Accuracy Testing for the ballot counting equipment used for the Primary Election. Permission was granted.

Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the Clerk's Report. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

### **Beginning Balance \$281,192.63**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$571.39</b>
<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>\$ 31,348.05</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$250,415.97</b>
<b>June, 2023</b>	<b>\$339,738.05</b>

### Treasurer's Report:

Mary Lundell recited the township's "receipts and disbursements", June 1-30th, 2024, including a total. She then submitted the Cash Control Report and Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances (Schedule 1 YTD) and requested that the Supervisors sign it. They did so. The Clerk's reconciliation of the bank statement and Cash Control Report were submitted for Supervisors' review and signature, as well.

A brief year to date review, of historic Fund balances, was made. The monthly Ending Balance for June 30th, 2023 was noted as \$339,738.05. It was reported that a few additional chloride receipts had been submitted; the first half of the Property Taxes would be recorded on next month's statement; some brief discussion ensued regarding that amount, a July receipt. The June checking account statement was offered, as well.

Bob Benson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

### Building Report:

Danny noted that the machine shed dehumidifier is frequently found to be off, by its switch.

### Road Report:

1. Danny reported that he would likely call for an excavator rental related to the flood repairs pending.

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2. Mr. Todd Stark's email was referenced; some brief discussion ensued regarding the repurposing of township gravel sourced from washouts.
3. Johnston's Road, (AKA as 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Way), was discussed as an area needing culvert attention; Sciota Trail was included; a turnaround area was referenced near Joel Fox's property; reshaping some ditch work was noted; Danny was authorized to rent the excavator as described for culvert work and as needed to justify the cost of the rental. Reclaiming some of the gravel from washouts was discussed as a good "set in" use with the culvert projects. August was noted as a suitable timeline.
4. Danny reported that he was available to suggest remedies for an erosion issue on 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue Path.
5. Karen Slininger reported that she had authorized the addition of gravel to 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
6. Danny reported that he was still looking for a vendor to do brush spraying for the township ROW.
7. Signage for effective road closings was discussed. Physical barriers and the general need for better traffic deterrence were discussed; acquiring an adequate number of upgraded signs was recommended. Bruce Ohmann offered to secure some prices for review in August.
8. It was reported that the span (bridge or culvert), 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue was showing some signs of undermining issues relative to highwater, per Jess Greenwood, Goodhue County Engineer. Bruce Ohmann noted the need for some geotextile fabric placement, to help to mitigate some of the erosion issues for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue infrastructure. It was also noted that the county process, for replacements, might take 2-3 years to schedule.
9. It was reported that Gysber's removed trees from 310<sup>th</sup> Street bridge over Prairie Creek; debris had blocked the flow by about 60%; the area was cleared.

Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the Road Report. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

### **Old Business:**

Bargen, Incorporated work notice was approved for the website, posted on the window, bulletin board and some word of mouth.

1. Karen Slininger offered a document for a possible substitution for the Incident Response Policy Document; the substitute could serve in a broader way, as an employee policy manual. A legal review was suggested upon a final draft.

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2. The Second Draft for the proposed Map Amendment was reviewed for Sections 15, 16, 17, 18; section 14 has been tabled for the interim. Bob Benson made a motion to approve the Map Amendment as shown on the Second Draft document. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0.

### **New Business:**

1. A Short meeting, for Payroll check signing, was scheduled for 5:30ish on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
2. Karen Slininger read aloud a Resolution for Election Judge Appointments to the Primary and General elections. Karen Slininger made a motion to adopt Resolution # 07162024PG; Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0.
3. The MATIT invoice For Consolidated Liability Coverage was reviewed for scheduling changes; a recommendation was made to increase coverage up to approximately \$4500 to include acquisitions made for electronic equipment, in the amount of approximately \$3500.

### **Reports of Meetings/Trainings Attended:**

1. MAT Conferences via Zoom on 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays-
2. Mary Lundell reported that she had viewed the Webinar regarding PERA.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

1. Township Tuesday Conference Calls-1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
2. Township Officials in MAT District 4 (Carver, Dakota, Goodhue, Le Sueur, McLeod, Nicollet, Rice, Scott, and Sibley counties): meeting will be held Monday August 19 in Faribault.

**Mail:** Karen Slininger made a motion to review the mail. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

**Claims:** Bob Benson made a motion to pay claims. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

**Adjourn:** Karen Slininger made a motion to adjourn. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3\0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted\_\_\_\_\_

Cheryle A. Peters

Clerk, Stanton Township\_\_\_\_\_

Karen Slininger

Chair, Stanton Township Board of Supervisors\_\_\_\_\_