

Stanton Township Board Meeting

Attending: Chair, Karen Slininger; Vice-Chair, Bob Benson; Road Manager, Danny Lundell; Treasurer, Mary Lundell; Clerk, Cheryle Peters; Mary Ohmann and Sue Mieska; Rosie Schluter 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. None were heard.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed.

Approval of Minutes From July 16th, 2024: Bob Benson made a motion to approve the July 16th, 2024 meeting minutes, with one edit regarding the inclusions of recently acquired electronic equipment, for insurance purposes. Karen Slininger seconded the motion; the motion passed 2/0.

Public to Speak Regarding Non- Agenda Items:

1. Helena Byrne, 31964 Stanton Trail, contacted the township to report a steep road edge on Sciota Trail; she reported safety concerns when mowing the property.
2. Andy Sandstrom, 30127 59th Avenue Way, contacted the township and attended the meeting to offer photos of the current blacktop conditions on portions of 59th Avenue Way. Mr. Sandstrom was informed that the township had contracted for the work; it was expected to be completed near the Labor Day weekend. Mr. Sandstrom was concerned about proper prep work for the integrity or the final finish.

Zoning Requests/Permits:

1. Bruce Ohmann, 29764 23rd Avenue Way, requested a public hearing to consider a Zoning change for Parcel #411800060 from R-1 to A-2, currently 5 acres. Mr. Ohmann did not make the request in person this month. Bob Benson made a motion to proceed with the public hearing; Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 2/0. The hearing was slated for Tuesday September 10th at 7:15pm.

Clerk's Report:

Cheryle reported the following:

1. Cheryle attended a meeting August 6th regarding a request for public assistance on behalf of Stanton Township. FEMA representatives attended the meeting to accept preliminary contact information from applicants. Goodhue County Emergency Management hosted the meeting in Red Wing at the Law Enforcement Center.
2. Primary elections occurred August 13th; 77 voters attended the polls.
3. Coverage for acquired electronic equipment was added to the insurance policy.

Bob Benson made a motion to approve the Clerk's Report. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 2/0.

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Beginning Balance \$250,415.97

Receipts	\$139,166.99
Disbursed	\$ 28,297.98
Ending Balance	\$ 361,284.98
July, 2023	\$ 389,878.34

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 July 31st, 2023 was noted as \$389,878.34.

The largest receipt, for July 2024 was reported as \$136,827.53, sourced from the 1st Half of Property Taxes. Mary noted that some of the revenue is imputed as delinquent, and then adjusted accordingly. The July checking account statement was offered, as well. Mary reported that expenses incurred by the Presidential Nominating Primary were reimbursed in the amount of \$1241.63; Township Aid, from MMB, in the amount of \$461.00; PILT from Goodhue County in the amount of \$73.77; Zoning Certificates and interest from the checking account, \$187.06. Karen invited questions; none were heard.

Bob Benson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 2/0.

Building Report:

Danny reported that all of the fire extinguishers had been inspected, serviced and invoiced.

Bob Benson made a motion to approve the Building Report. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 2/0.

Road Report: Danny reported the following:

1. Danny was available to inspect the roadside, 31964 Stanton Trail, for Ms. Byrne.
2. Danny continues to look for a vendor to do brush spraying for the township ROW.
3. More of the township's road signs had been stolen; grading damage as well; law enforcement was notified.
4. No news seemed to be available regarding the status of Bergen Incorporated schedule.
5. The rains have been good for the dust situation; some spot gravel has been applied.
6. The (rented) excavator had been used in various places.
7. The turnaround near Emery's was noted for progress.

Bob Benson made a motion to approve the Road Report. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 2/0.

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Old Business:

1. Compliance Letter to Cannon Custom Cabinets was completed and mailed. Hard copy was made available.
2. The Employee Policy Document was reviewed and the draft is pending for legal review.
3. The Text and Map Amendment Summary Document was reviewed for publication in the Beacon, as a notice of Ordinance change.

Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the legal notice for an Ordinance change. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 2/0. The motion causes the Text Amendments and the Zoning changes to be effective September 5th, 2024, the first day of notice publication.

New Business:

1. GCCE Permitting Compliance-Karen related the contact with Goodhue County Co-op Electric. Danny and Mary related some history regarding a utility company. Discussion ensued regarding Goodhue County Jurisdictional policy regarding permits; a bond to protect the township in the event of an excavation type loss was discussed; a meeting with Goodhue County Coop Electric was discussed.
2. Karen Slininger related a proposal to change a procedure based on current Ordinance controls regarding Zoning requests that require a public hearing. Public Hearing Schedules-Page 8 of the Ordinance were referenced. Discussion ensued. Legal counsel was suggested for a follow up review.

Reports of Meetings/Trainings Attended:

1. MAT Conferences via Zoom on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays-Mary reported on the Zoom conference on the subject of employer benefit changes, culverts and rights of way issues.
2. Mary reported that she had attended the District 4 meeting in Faribault. At the meeting, various subjects were discussed: Goodhue County Hazard Mitigation Plan, FEMA, Rice County perspective, On-Line Security, Phishing Scams, Social Media, By-Laws, Fall Conference in December 13 and 14, 2024; 104 attended the District 4 Meeting, in Faribault.

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Upcoming Meetings:

Township Tuesday Conference Calls-1st and 3rd Tuesday

Fall Conference in December 13 and 14, 2024.

Mail: Bob Benson made a motion to review the mail. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 2/0.

Claims: Bob Benson made a motion to pay claims. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 2/0.

Adjourn: Bob Benson made a motion to adjourn. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

Cheryle A. Peters

Clerk, Stanton Township _____

Karen Slininger

Chair, Stanton Township Board of Supervisors _____