

Stanton Township Board Meeting

Attending: Supervisor, Bob Benson; Chair, Karen Slininger; Road Manager, Danny Lundell; Treasurer, Mary Lundell; Deputy Clerk, Heidi VanDeSteege; Supervisor, Bruce Ohmann; Brent Jaeger, Deputy Jordan Markegard,

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. No conflicts were heard.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. Mary Lundell requested that Brent Jaeger be added to the zoning requests for his solar project.

Approval of Minutes From October 15th: Bob Benson made a motion to approve the October 15th, 2024 minutes. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0.

Approval of Minutes From November 19th: Mary Lundell stated that the last name of the gentleman from Wolf River Electric wasn't listed. It was looked up and the correction written on the minutes. Bruce Ohmann made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction made. Bob Benson seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0.

Public to Speak Regarding Non- Agenda Items: Deputy Jordan Markegard stated he didn't have any issues and asked the board if they had anything to discuss. No issues were stated.

Zoning Requests/Permits: Brent Jaeger- 31997 Willow Trail- He presented the board with his solar array project. Dimension of 55x13. Was at Planning last week. Mary Lundell stated that he met all setbacks and no issues with it. Planning recommended that the project move forward to the board. Bob Benson made a motion to grant the certificate for the solar project. Bruce Ohmann seconded; the motion passed 3/0. Mary Lundell stated that there was no fee but the application needed signing. Deputy clerk, Heidi VanDeSteege signed and dated the application.

Clerk's Report:

1. FEMA- Quote from Bruce for 23rd Avenue box culvert repair- The board stated they would like to look at a copy next month.
2. Legal notice for township officer candidate filings published in the Beacon- Karen Slininger read the notice.

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

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Beginning Balance \$163,968.24

Receipts	\$8,084.40
Disbursed	\$17,074.81
Ending Balance	\$154,977.83
Dec, 2023	\$417,358.64

Treasurer’s Report:

Mary Lundell recited the township’s “receipts and disbursements”, 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 December 2023 was noted as \$417,358.64. It was reported that Receipts were sourced from zoning certificates, recording fees and the first insurance claim payment (\$7,260.09) went into the building fund. There were a couple other things- a refund and an overpayment- Mary will talk with Cheryle about those. The difference in the December balances are that the 2nd half taxes went in before the end of November and this year’s hasn’t come in yet. Also seal coating was a cost of \$142,000.00.

Bob Benson made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Building Report: Nothing

Road Report: Danny Lundell shared that he sanded over the black top roads, graded on the south side of 19 and did a chloride survey for the winter time. Chloride was discussed at one of the MAT meetings.

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

Old Business: Mary Lundell mentioned the cannibas resolution and Karen Slininger was going to add it to the new business to discuss. Nothing else in old business.

New Business:

1. Cannibas resolution- A resolution for the county to take care of retail registration. Karen Slininger read the resolution. There was a discussion of the ordinances but this is a resolution for the retail registration only. Bob Benson made a motion to accept the resolution. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. Karen Slininger will sign and have Cheryle notarize at a later time. Motion passed 3/0.
2. Schedule Board of Audit- Mary Lundell also mentioned that there will be another CTA’s update so they should schedule the meeting for later January or early February. After discussion of dates the meeting is scheduled for January 29th at 4 PM.

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3. Karen Slininger mentioned the Town Hall should have a drop box besides just the mailbox to avoid using the postal mailbox for other items. Danny Lundell suggested a locked one. He will look at some possibilities and present next month.

Reports of Meetings/Trainings Attended:

1. MAT Conferences via Zoom on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays;
2. MAT Annual Meeting and Conference;

Bob Benson and Danny Lundell attended the topics of sealing, legal issues (Danny shared that was done through a game) and chloride. Very informative and MAT suggests townships using their resources of their attorneys on staff. Chloride is a big topic and assessing the usages and what's happening. Mary Lundell shared the topic of CTA's and she went to the solar topic. She shared on the new update for CTA's and the .Gov needs to be in place by January 2026. It is suggested to not wait since it can take a while to do. She also shared on solar which was about the larger commercial solar arrays and utility companies using loopholes. Mary also listened in on one of the Tuesday discussions- cannibas and employee and drug testing and the resolution.

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Township Tuesday Conference Calls-1st and 3rd Tuesday
2. Township Supervisors are required to be certified every 4 years, for the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization held in the spring for townships. The training is online and closes before February 1st of each year. Board of Appeal and Equalization training- Minnesota Department of Revenue (state.mn.us).
3. District 4 special election. Thursday, February 6th in Faribault. Board members should have received the flyer in the mail.

Mail: Karen Slininger made a motion to review the mail. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. There was none to look at.

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

Adjourn: Bob Benson made a motion to adjourn. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

Cheryle A. Peters

Clerk, Stanton Township _____

Karen Slininger

Chair, Stanton Township Board of Supervisors _____