

Stanton Township Board Meeting

Attending: Chair, Karen Slininger; Vice-Chair, Bob Benson; Supervisor, Bruce Ohmann; Road Manager, Danny Lundell; Treasurer, Mary Lundell; Clerk, Cheryle Peters; Mary Ohmann and Sue Mieska; Deputy Dan England attended from the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office; Xavion Bell attended via Zoom, on behalf of Wolf River Electric.

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. Bruce Ohmann recused himself from the vote regarding his request for a Zoning change for Parcel #411800060.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. Sign quotes were added under Old Business; Interim Use Permit was added under New Business.

Approval of Minutes From August 20th, 2024: Bob Benson made a motion to approve the August 20th, 2024 meeting minutes; Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0.

Public to Speak Regarding Non- Agenda Items: Deputy Sheriff, Dan Englund, attended for the purpose of Community Engagement; Deputy Englund was thanked for his and other law enforcement presence in the township.

Zoning Requests/Permits:

1. Bruce Ohmann, 29764 23rd Avenue Way, requested a Zoning change for Parcel #411800060 from R-1 to A-2, currently 5 acres. Bob Benson made a motion to approve the request, as it had been stated; Karen Slininger reviewed the public hearing content and seconded the motion. The motion passed 2/0.

Clerk's Report:

Cheryle reported the following:

1. First FEMA Meeting (RSM), was held at the Town Hall-Wednesday September 11th, 2024 with Justin Garlitz, Program Delivery Manager, (PDM) for Disaster # DR 4797-MN;

Danny Lundell attended; Karen Slininger attended ; Cheryle Peters attended; three FEMA representatives attended, as well.

2. Text and Map Amendment Ordinance has been recorded. The resolution for the CUP parking provision, for Goodhue County Public Works, has been recorded, as well.

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

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Beginning Balance \$361,284.98

Receipts	\$340.91
Disbursed	\$ 27,966.85
Ending Balance	\$333,659.04
August, 2023	\$373,751.78

Treasurer’s Report:

Mary Lundell recited the township’s “receipts and disbursements”, August 1- 31st, 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 August 31st, 2023 was noted as \$373,751.78.

Karen invited questions; none were heard.

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

Building Report:

Danny commented that a claim for hail damage on the town hall roof should be filed. Cheryle offered to submit a claim.

Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the building report; Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Road Report:

1. Danny reported that he had attended a site inspection with a Goodhue County Bridge Inspection Engineer @ the Spring Creek culvert area under 23rd Avenue Way had been suggested as a possible Mitigation project under FEMA category thresholds. FEMA was represented as well. Danny reported that he had measured widths for Spring Creek and Prairie Creek: Spring Creek is 21 feet wide, rail to rail; Prairie Creek is 25 feet wide, 310th Street. It is possible that the Mitigation portion would not meet the minimum threshold amount. However, a bridge inspection is in the works. Karen reported briefly on the initial September 11th meeting with FEMA.
2. The turnaround near Joel Fox’s was noted for progress; the gravel has been dumped and the culverts have been installed; some rain would help to settle the installation. Mr. Fox noted that the local farmer does not currently use that particular approach.
3. The culvert aprons are installed on Sciota Trail. Again, some rain would help to settle the product and support vegetation.

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4. Discussion ensued regarding the Borgen, Incorporated claim; Sweeping did occur, however a portion of the area under the contract (55th Avenue Way) quote apparently had not been finished with the repair product. Bob Benson made a motion to issue the check for \$100,000. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. \$42, 277 was withheld, on the grounds that all of the work had not been completed. The balance would be withheld until the work is fully completed.

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

Old Business:

1. Jeff Ekblad, Goodhue County Surveyor/County Recorder, is requested Township Supervisor approval of the final version of the Lake Byllesby West Third plat; Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the plat as requested. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0. Chair Slininger signed the mylar for the plat recording. Mr. Ekblad indicated that no notary signature was necessary.
2. Helena Byrne, 31964 Stanton Trail, had contacted the township regarding a sharp edge on the slope side of the road adjacent to the property address. Danny reported that he had visited the site and offered to assist by using the grader to “pull in” the edge. John Monsour was onsite and had expressed a similar concern.
3. Xavion Bell, on behalf of Wolf River Electric attended via Zoom; Josh Banks, property owner 5901 315th Street Way, contracted for a Solar Energy System; Mr. Bell indicated that he would gather more information for submission to the township.
4. Cheryle reported that Kelly Hovel and Tim Krohn, on behalf of Goodhue County Coop Electric, indicated that they would like to attend the October 15th meeting to discuss an appropriate right of way agreement for excavation activities.
5. Karen Slininger reported that she had sent Troy Gilchrist a copy of the draft Employee policy document, for review. His colleague, Jason, will be reviewing.
6. Karen Slininger made a motion to recommend that Page 8 of the Ordinance be allowed as accepted procedure, representing no formal change in the Ordinance. Karen reported that Troy Gilchrist had reviewed the proposal. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. Some discussion ensued. The motion passed 3/0.
7. Bruce Ohmann offered a quote from EFA Safety Signs, for the purchase of more durable signs marking road closures, as needed. Some of the signage would be replacements for signs lost. The quote was

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offered @ \$7,535.25. The materials and construction were described. Bruce printed a copy of the quote. A second quote was recommended for a review in October.

New Business:

1. Mary Lundell offered the Goodhue County Planning and Zoning definition of an “Interim Use Permit”. Karen Slininger made a motion to recommend more research by the township on the subject of adding the definition to the township’s list of definitions, as an option for another type of Use permit. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

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 Family Leave Law reporting, including Elected officials, for reporting; and Cannabis regulation.
2. FEMA-Site inspection September 17th @ 9am

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Township Tuesday Conference Calls-1st and 3rd Tuesday
2. Monday, September 23, 2024 Town Hall @9am with Justin Garlitz, PDM, for FEMA.
3. Fall Conference in December 13 and 14, 2024, in St. Cloud. Bob Benson indicated that he might be attending.

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

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

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Adjourn: Bob Benson made a motion to adjourn. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3\0. The meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted_____

Cheryle A. Peters

Clerk, Stanton Township_____

Karen Slininger

Chair, Stanton Township Board of Supervisors_____