

**UNOFFICIAL STANTON TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MINUTES  
2018**

**2018 Stanton Township Annual Meeting**

**March 14, 2018**

31186 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue Way  
Cannon Falls, MN 55009

Clerk Cheryle Peters called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM. (note: 10 signed the attendance roster.)

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Cheryle called for a motion, from the floor, to nominate a moderator for the evening. Jack Schlichting made a motion to nominate Chuck Rademacher to serve as moderator. Dave Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Goodhue County Sheriff, Scott McNurlin was present in the audience. Cheryle invited him to give an address. He introduced himself and thanked the audience for the opportunity to speak. He notified the audience that he would be retiring at the end of the term. He spoke briefly about the department's efforts regarding a transition.

Sheriff McNurlin commented on the current concerns over prescription opioid abuse. He informed the audience that all deputies carry Naloxone HCl, a prescription nasal spray, used for the emergency treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose.

Active shooter situations were also addressed. Sheriff McNurlin stated that the department trains, to the best of their ability, in preparation for such an event.

Sheriff McNurlin, also, updated the audience regarding the Goodhue County Adult Detention Center. The center boards 60-70 prisoners from other jurisdictions, under a contract with the Minnesota Department of Corrections, mostly because of overcrowding. Most offenders outside of Goodhue County, are in transition from one facility to another; 1.2-1.5 million dollars per year is generated from boarding contracts.

Sheriff McNurlin informed the audience that many experienced employees will be leaving the Sheriff's department, for retirement, within the next 3-5 years. Transition is a concern, as always.

Jack Schlichting asked about consolidated counties 911 dispatch. Sheriff McNurlin responded as someone that had done the study for the southeast part of Minnesota. He stated that the technology exists and is proven, but there is a preference among counties to retain their own dispatch, even though the study suggests that significant savings could be produced by such consolidations.

Sheriff McNurlin invited any additional questions. Hearing none, he thanked the audience for their hospitality. Moderator, Chuck Rademacher, wished the Sheriff well, for his retirement.

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## **Minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting**

Clerk Cheryle Peters read the minutes from the previous Annual Meeting, 2017.

Dave Garner made a motion to approve the minutes of 2017. Jack Schlichting seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chuck Redemacher called for a motion to suspend reading of the details of “Checks and Deposits.”

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## **Road Report for the Year of 2017**

Dave Garner, offered the report on behalf of Chairman, Ken Burns. Dave began with an overview of the re-build operations for the roads in Stanton Township. The initial gravel expense, in 2015, was \$89,998.54. The gravel expense in the following year of 2016 was \$57,481.07; for 2017, the gravel cost was \$42,366.30; the re-build included labor costs for crowning and edge cutting. Chloride payments were \$13,917.20 less reimbursements totaling approximately \$3475.75. The township contracted with a new chloride vendor for a lower quote on chloride services. The material cost fees, to households requesting dust control services, were reduced to \$40.00 per 100ft. increments, from \$50.00. Dave Garner stated that no major blacktopping projects had been planned. Dave called for any further questions regarding roads. Hearing none, Chuck Rademacher called for a motion to approve the Road Report. Dave Garner commented on the good quality of the road work performed. Mr. Rademacher agreed. Mark Anderson asked if a second application of dust control product might be considered for Sciota Trail. Dave responded with information about 310<sup>th</sup> Street and the address for the Christmas Tree farm, 302<sup>nd</sup>. Donna Nelson inquired about the Christmas Tree farm. Dave stated that weather conditions can dictate seasonal applications. Normally, the tree farm reimbursed the township for dust control expenses. Compliments were given for the earlier service application for the chloride products. Jack Schlichting made a motion to approve the Road Report. Mark Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **Reading of the Board of Audit Report for the year of 2017-** Clerk Cheryle Peters

Two different financial reports were reviewed. The mandated CTAS report Schedule 1 was read aloud. The reading of Schedule 9 was suspended. The Treasurer’s Report was posted on the bulletin board and was available in copy. Dave Garner made a motion to accept the Board of Audit Report. Jack Schlichting seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **Questions: Interaction Between Board and Citizens**

Chuck Rademacher offered some discussion regarding a \$200 donation from the township, to the Goodhue County Historical Society. Jack Schlichting made a motion recommending, to the Town Board, a \$200 donation to the Goodhue County Historical Society. Mark Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mary Lundell made a motion to contribute to the Cannon Falls Museum, \$200. Mark Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **Proposed Levy- For the Year 2019:**

Board Treasurer, Mary Lundell, summarized. Dave Garner made a motion to levy \$36,000 for the General Fund. Jack Schlichting seconded the motion. The motion passed. Jack Schlichting



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**New Business:**

a. Building Project Report –Dave Garner

Dave offered to give a tour to anyone that would like to view the new equipment shed. Dave offered the Building Fund Disbursements Report. The report included data beginning January 1, 2016 through March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The total disbursed from the Building Fund was stated as \$231,371.58. Some obligations have been held back pending completed repairs. Snow had breached the ridgeline of the roof. Insulation was replaced. This amount was stated as \$16,500. Versacon, Incorporated is the general contractor for the work of construction.

Some finishing work left to be completed was stated as some blacktopping and some work with the fuel tank. The roof on the Salt Shed would be replaced by Sentence to Serve labor. Estimated finishing costs were stated as \$10,000.

Dave estimated that finishing the Salt Shed would cost approximately \$10,000. The estimated grand total was stated as \$257,871.58. Dave Garner called for any questions or requests to examine paperwork. Mary Lundell stated that the architect's work had been stated as "no charge", from the architect. The Town Board did, however, release funds in the amount of \$3,000 as a token of appreciation. The \$3,000 amount was indicated on the Disbursements Report for the Building Fund, 410.

Mr. Rademacher inquired about the term of the Lester building warranty. Dave Garner stated that he did not know, off hand, but that the information was available.

Dan Lundell stated that the outside drains, in the new building, had frozen and plugged.

**Adjournment:**

Mark Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Jack Schlichting seconded the motion. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

Chuck Rademacher announced that the Board of Canvas would meet immediately to verify election counts. (Note: This is considered a paid board meeting.)

Respectfully Submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Stanton Township

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