

Stanton Township Board Meeting

Attending: Supervisor, Ken Burns; Supervisor Bob Benson; Town Board Chair, Karen Slininger; Clerk, Cheryle Peters; Treasurer, Mary Lundell; Applicant, Doug Felton; Road Manager, Danny Lundell, attended via Zoom services; Jenelle Sternitsky attended via Zoom. Jennifer Ziemer, Goodhue County Public Works attended via Zoom.

Chair, Karen Slininger, called the meeting to order at 7pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Karen called to reveal any conflicts of interest. None were heard.

Approval of Agenda: Ken Burns made a motion to approve the agenda, adding a request from Mary Lundell to discuss Deputy John Harris's attendance of the October Town Board meeting. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Approval of Minutes From October 19th, 2021: Ken Burns made a motion to approve the October Minutes, as written. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Public to Speak:

Zoning Requests: Doug Felton, 33079 County 24 Boulevard, requested a review noting the age of the bond that currently covers the proposed Accessory Use of a detached home office and storage building. He informed the Town Board that said building had been nearly fully converted, from a home, to the described office and storage building, as previously proposed in lieu of a demolition. Mr. Felton invited an inspection by any or all township supervisors to establish condition and compliance with the Ordinances.

Mr. Felton requested some final documentation, validating compliance to stated township standards for the re-purposing of the home. Performance Bond # 2303013, effective 03/07/2020 is set to expire 12-31-21;

Mr. Felton proposed an official release of the outstanding bond, occurring at the next Regularly Scheduled Town Board meeting, using an official Town Board motion, 12-21-21. Contingent upon the outcome of the final township walk through inspection, the Town Board acknowledged the need to provide such official documentation on Mr. Felton's behalf.

Clerk's Report:

1. Cheryle reported that she had sent the township's Polling Place resolution, to the Goodhue County Auditor/ Treasurer's office, covering the year of 2022;
2. Cheryle reported that she had sent contracts, to Warsaw Township, for their review of maintenance duties termed in the contract, revised in form, by Troy Gilchrist;
3. Cheryle requested verification for the Road Miles Certification, due November 19th, to Goodhue County Public Works; some discussion ensued regarding the allotment of duties termed by the newly contracted agreement between Stanton Township and Warsaw Township and the resulting consequences for the certification to Goodhue County.

Final miles were stated as 32.82, approximately ¼ mile (added to 32.57).

4. Cheryle reported that she had gone to Red Wing to record documents for Goodhue County Public Works/Lake Byllesby Park;
5. Cheryle stated that she had contacted the Fitterers regarding culvert access and inspection.

Ken Burns made a motion to approve the Clerk’s Report. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Beginning Balance \$351,201.86

Receipts	\$2,095.59
Disbursed	\$14,247.12
Ending Balance	\$339,050.33
Ending Balance October, 2020	\$261,608.01

Treasurer’s Report:

Mary Lundell recited the township’s “receipts and disbursements”, October 1-31st, 2021, 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 October, 2020 was noted as \$261,608.01.

Treasurer Lundell reported that MMB had sent \$2053.89 accounting for Ag Credits.

Treasurer Lundell invited questions regarding the Bank Statements. Ken Burns inquired about the ARPA fund and whether that had been included in totals. Mary stated that the fund name had been called out as the “Covid” fund, per request, and represented one half of the amount accredited.

Mary spoke briefly about re-allotment of amounts unclaimed by other townships. The unclaimed amounts were calculated and subsequently apportioned to only township accounts that had already received ARPA funds.

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

Building Report: Ken Burns inquired about the machine shed’s drainage system and whether it might need some insulation from extreme freezing temperatures. Danny replied that he had acquired an insulated tarp for covering, if necessary.

Bob Benson made a motion to accept the Building Report. Ken Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Road Report: Danny reported that Warsaw Township had constructed a turn around that appears to be located entirely within Warsaw Township jurisdiction on the west side of 35th Avenue, approximately 40-50 feet south, near the culvert under the road.

Danny reported that “Dead End” signs had been requested, by a resident, for roads in the neighborhood near the funeral home, 303rd and 304th. Some brief discussion ensued. Danny noted that he would add two such signs to the running list of signs slated for purchase.

Danny reported that the plow blade, for the Silverado, is in need of welding. He requested a recommendation for a welder. The supervisors encouraged Danny select the vendor of his choice.

Danny reported that Anderson Rock and Lime, Inc. had been in contact for seasonal salt and sand supply, delivered.

Danny reported that a few more grading touch ups were still needed; the recent moisture would improve the conditions for grading, until the frost comes. He reported that the fall chloride application had gone down.

The condition of the crowning on 310th street was discussed briefly; road puddles were a noted concern.

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

Old Business:

1. The Warsaw Township Maintenance Contract was reviewed; Karen Slininger read the contract agreement aloud and noted the Warsaw Township edit from ” ¼ mile” to “2048 feet”, no changes in contract fees. Bob Benson made a motion to sign and adopt the contract. Some brief discussion ensued regarding the pertaining legal fees incurred for Stanton Township’s consult with Troy Gilchrist; Warsaw Township had previously declined to contribute toward said fees. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Karen Slininger signed the agreement; Cheryle Peters attested the signing.
2. Ken Burns reported that he had inspected the Jacobsen property, Friday November 12th, 30700 Oxford Mill Road. He confirmed that the filtering system appeared to have been maintained, per program specifics. On Monday, the 15th, a complaint was received regarding an odor near Cannon Custom Cabinets. Ken stated that he had returned to Cannon Custom Cabinets for response. Later that day, another complaint was received regarding fumes, detected off of the Cannon Custom Cabinets property. Ken returned and established the complaint; the material being sprayed is characterized as a lacquer, per Mr. Jacobsen. Ken stated that he had done some research on ratings and thresholds for emissions per the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Recent township inspections had been conducted on and off the property and had found the exhaust system deficient, though at full capacity.

Ken Burns made a recommendation, to the Town Board, to give notice that an exhaust system upgrade that would effectively remove the odors of Volatile Organic Compounds must be used in operations. Karen Slininger stated her support for the recommendation; Bob Benson agreed, as well.

Bob Benson made a motion to approve the township issue of a written notice, to Mr. Jacobsen, that an effective upgrade to the current exhaust system, would be required to allow the present commercial use of the higher VOC' s in Cannon Custom Cabinets operations. Ken Burns seconded the motion. Some discussion ensued. March 1st was stated as a deadline for the install; consequences would be the required cessation of high VOC product use. The motion passed 3/0.

3. Cheryle reported that Mr. Jacobsen had agreed to print and sign the Hold Harmless agreement in regard to the encroachment of sprinkler heads into the township Right of Way along Oxford Mill Road. It was explained that personal property cannot always be protected. Mr. Jacobsen offered to deliver the document to Ken Burns.
4. Ken Burns explained that his schedule would, soon, be more flexible regarding the Town Hall website modification. Other township business had taken priority.
5. Karen reported that, after considerable discussion, the proposed Solar Ordinance had gone back to the Planning Commission to establish requested edits. The Planning Commission will review at their Regularly Scheduled meeting, December 14th, before returning it to the Town Board for further review.
6. Discussion of the Goodhue County Sheriff's presence at the October Town Board meeting occurred.

New Business:

1. Mary was able to finish Payroll duties; no extra short meeting for Payroll Check Signing was necessary; board members thanked Mary for her efficiency.
2. Jennifer Ziemer, Goodhue County Public Works, attended via Zoom, and requested a modification for the siting of the split rail fence at the Cascade Area Park.

Danny Lundell suggested the execution of a maintenance agreement with Goodhue County Public Works.

It was noted that the access gate would be closed and locked for the winter.

Ms. Ziemer noted that bids would be let on Wednesday, November 17th, for the construction of the Pavilion at Lake Byllesby Park.

3. Mary reported that the aggregate residual funds, from the 400 townships that did not apply for ARPA Federal grants, would be reallocated to those townships that did apply and received ARPA funds.
4. A lobbying matter was noted regarding an imminent Senate vote allowing more latitude with ARPA funds under the category of Lost Revenue.

5. Discussion ensued regarding a house charge at Casey's as a gasoline vendor.
6. Ken offered to research an option for the township to open a house billing account with Zoom for the purpose of offering remote meetings in addition to on site meetings and also the added monthly charges for the Word Press website services.
7. Cheryle offered to go to First Farmers to inquire about a township credit card.
8. Limited discussion of the Goodhue County Sheriff's presence at the October Town Board meeting occurred.

Upcoming Meetings: Township Tuesday Conference Calls have been re-scheduled for only the First and Third Tuesdays, at 10 AM. (The Zoom App must be installed).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88491131671>

Meeting ID: 884 9113 1671

OR participate via Zoom meeting via phone, (646) 558-8656 passcode 88491131671#

Participate via Zoom meeting via computer (preferred):

1st Tuesday: 10:00 AM

3rd Tuesday: 10:00 AM

Reports of Meetings Attended: Mary Lundell reported that she had attended the Tuesday, MAT conference and reported on the subject of Road Approaches and the associated permitting.

MAT Tuesday conferences are attended when possible, remotely. New hours have been offered.

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: Bob Benson made a motion to adjourn. Ken Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryle A. Peters
Clerk, Stanton Township

Karen Slininger
Chair, Stanton Township Board of Supervisors