

Stanton Township Board Meeting

Attending: Supervisor, Ken Burns; Supervisor Bob Benson; Town Board Chair, Karen Slininger; Goodhue County Deputy John Harris; Road Manager, Danny Lundell, attended by remote services; Jenelle Sternitsky 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 Bethany Mitricska to use Sciota Trail for parking during a private wedding at her home. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Approval of Minutes From September 21, 2021: Bob Benson made a motion to approve the September Minutes, as written. Ken Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Public to Speak: Deputy John Harris attended the meeting for community engagement. Some brief discussion ensued regarding a newly installed dirt bike track near the Oxford Mill area.

Deputy Harris excused himself and was thanked for his attendance. No official Town Board action was taken regarding the dirt bike track.

Zoning Requests:

Clerk's Report: Cheryle reported that she had sent in the Levy Certification at the electorate approved \$240,000 amount.

Also, she reported that she had called Ellingson Water Management regarding the newly approved check # 10989. Their accounting department stated that the replacement check had, indeed, arrived USPS.

Cheryle informed the Town Board that Troy Gilchrist had recommended a review of any other Line Road agreements with townships. Some discussion ensued regarding the agreement with Northfield Township. Troy had stated that an "Agreement" format should be used rather than a "Resolution" format. Some brief discussion ensued regarding the recommendation. Karen requested a copy of the contract with Northfield Township for her review.

Cheryle was directed to provide Warsaw Township a copy of the agreement for their review. Some discussion ensued regarding procedures for execution. If the appropriate approvals and signings occur, the check could be issued by Stanton Township, as soon as November 16th under Old Business.

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

Beginning Balance \$365,988.62

Receipts	\$91.30
Disbursed	\$14,878.06
Ending Balance	\$351,201.86
Ending Balance Sept., 2020	\$276,337.78

Treasurer’s Report:

Mary recited the township’s “receipts and disbursements”, September 1-30th, 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 September, 2020 was noted as \$276, 0337.78.

Treasurer Lundell invited questions regarding the Bank Statements and then proceeded to report on an outstanding check. Mary noted that check #10926 issued to Don Enberg had indeed cleared the bank in early October.

Mary spoke briefly about the Lost Revenue category of ARPA monies and the revised first yearly reporting deadline of April 30th, of 2022. Some of the expenses were noted briefly as Zoom meeting subscriptions and the MAT Tuesday Conference Trainings as much of the content is ARPA related. Mary reported that at some point the accounting would likely require Object Codes in the CTAS system to track qualified expenses.

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

Building Report: Bob Benson reported that he had chatted with the land manager using the property south of the Town Hall. The manager apologized for some damage that had been caused by a sprayer operating in the field to the south of the Town Hall. Bob reported that the manager committed to using a less damaging approach. Bob recommended that the township fill in the ruts with soil.

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 31796 Stanton Trail seemed to have a second driveway using an undersized culvert. Cheryle was directed to send the residents information about culvert requirements and inspections. The approaching winter season was noted; a two week notice was deemed appropriate.

Danny inquired about the chloride application for the areas around the Hampton Hills Tree Farm. Discussion ensued regarding the route. Karen noted that a rain would allow one more grading action for the season, before the chloride goes down.

Landmarks noted were the Prairie Grass Restoration offices, Sciota Trail, the old rail road bed, various homes and tarred areas. Danny requested a map for his reference.

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

Old Business:

1. The Warsaw Township Maintenance Contract was reviewed, post legal counsel, from Troy Gilchrist. Bob Benson made a motion to accept and adopt the revisions submitted by Karen Slininger and Troy Gilchrist and also, send the document to Warsaw Township for their review. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Some discussion ensued regarding the payment associated with the terms of the contract. The check would not be approved until after execution of the contract.
2. Ken Burns reported that he had adjusted the flag light bulb upward; the brightest spot has been slightly moved from the flag, but appears to be bright enough with no glare. Chair Slininger thanked Ken for his work to light the flag within compliance of the Ordinance.
3. Discussion of Stanton Trail Community Tower Resources Relative to ARPA- Ken Burns suggested that the subject be put on hold until further direction from ARPA was available. He offered his services for a launch. Ken had offered to look into the work of developing a process for disbursement of the ARPA benefits toward better broad band services; guidelines and county regulation would need to be researched, as well. The new annual reporting deadline for ARPA funds has been declared as April 30th, 2022.
4. The Polling Place Resolution #10192021 for 2022 was executed. Ken Burns made a motion to adopt the resolution. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.
5. Karen Slininger reported that Steve Jacobsen had submitted an exhaust maintenance plan, as stipulated by a recently issued Violation Notice. She read the plan, out loud, for the benefit of those listening on line. Ken Burns reported that he had subsequently inspected the Cannon Custom Cabinets facility, on 10-7-21, in response to a complaint regarding odor.

At that time Ken had detected no odor, however, did notice residue in the grass outside near the exhaust area. Ken reported that he had gone into the facility with Steve. Ken noted various problems with the system; Steve had stated that the fan seemed to be overworked. Some remedy for the exhaust filtering system seemed feasible.

At a later time that day, Ken received a second call regarding odor. He responded and parked near the Sternitskys' home, noting the presence of paint odor. Ken notified Mr. Jacobsen. Mr. Jacobsen employed one of the suggested remedies for the offending odor abatement. Ken also updated the Sternitskys with some information about hopeful changes for the exhaust system. In summary, Ken felt that continued monitoring would be necessary and that, overall, Steve Jacobsen was willing to do his part to abate offending odors that leave his property, per the township ordinance. Some discussion ensued regarding prevailing winds and the potential need for Mr. Jacobsen to upgrade his current exhaust system, with a professional installation.

Jenelle Sternitsky's on line presence was acknowledged and Chair Slininger issued an advisory that the odor situation would be monitored and remedied, hopefully with the desired effect. Ken committed to another inspection in about a week to week and a half.

6. Danny Lundell had referenced a Hold Harmless agreement to address the potential for damage to Steve Jacobsen's private property encroaching into the right of way. Karen Slininger reported that she had visited with Mr. Jacobsen and he had conceded that the planned placement for sprinkler heads had surprised him as well. He stated that he would contact the vendor to request some modifications. Karen reported that she had advised Mr. Jacobsen that the township would not be responsible for damages incurred in right of way locations. Cheryle was asked to prepare the document for Mr. Jacobsen's signature.
7. Ken Burns reported that the website work would likely begin in mid November.
8. Discussion ensued regarding the motion made and passed, August 17th, 2021 to maintain 323rd Street, near the Oxford Oaks Replat area. Karen Slininger reported that after she had met with Danny and Mike Peterson she had contacted the Goodhue County Recorder's office and was informed that Stanton Township had no obligation to maintain 323rd Street. Bob Benson made a motion to rescind the August vote to maintain 323rd Street. Ken Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0 on the grounds that 323rd Street is considered to be a private drive.

New Business:

1. Cheryle reported that Bethany Mitricska might hostess a wedding at her home on 947 Sciota Trail. She had emailed to request information about parking restrictions on Sciota Trail. Some brief discussion ensued: parking should be allowed on only one side of Sciota Trail, the north side.
2. Ordinance Review: Solar Ordinance Review-Edits discussed and made at Town Board meeting 10-19-21. Chair Slininger read aloud most portions of the table/chart for those attending on line. Discussion ensued. Edits were made and referred back to the Planning Commission for review.
3. Karen Slininger read aloud an email, from Jennifer Ziemer, updating the progress on the Cascade Canoe Launch area: some of the plan materials have been planted; some signage has been posted; deer fencing will be placed; welcome signs will be place, soon; gates installed. Karen suggested a "look see" to view the progress. Karen and Ken complimented Jennifer Ziemer for her good working relationship with the neighbors in the area.

Upcoming Meetings: Township Tuesday Conference Calls are scheduled for Tuesdays with new hours for township officers. (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#

1st Tuesday: 8 AM Participate via Zoom meeting via computer (preferred):

2nd Tuesday: 6 PM

3rd Tuesday: 8 AM

4th Tuesday: 6 PM

Reports of Meetings Attended: Ken Burns reported that he had attended a Goodhue County Park Board meeting Oct. 7th; he stated that the design for the Pavilion had been reviewed at the meeting. The berm was described, 900 plants with shrubs and trees. Fish stocking was being planned with the DNR: carp kill and unusual amount of weeds. During discussion of the berm, camping was mentioned. Ken stated that he reminded those attending that Stanton Township does not allow camping.

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

Adjourn: Karen Slininger made a motion to adjourn. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3\0. The meeting adjourned at 9:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryle A. Peters
Clerk, Stanton Township

Karen Slininger
Chair, Stanton Township Board of Supervisors