

## Stanton Township Board Meeting

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**Attending:** Supervisor, Ken Burns; Mr. Tom Clancy, Solar Connection Inc., on behalf of Bill Robinson; Road Manager, Danny Lundell, attended by remote services; Bonnie Mantei attended by remote services; Larry Jensen attended by remote services.

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:** Bob Benson made a motion to approve the agenda. Ken Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

**Approval of Minutes From August, 2021:** Bob Benson made a motion to approve the August Minutes, making the requested corrections, on the subject of quotes for frost boil remedies, offered by Wellingson Water Management. Ken Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

**Public to Speak:** Mr. Monsour had sent email notice that he would not be attending the meeting.

### **Zoning Requests:**

1. Solar Energy System- roof mount request – Tim Clancy on behalf of Solar Connection Inc., Rochester, MN; Mr. Clancy's client is Mr. Bill Robinson, 4305 322nd St. Way Cannon Falls, MN 55009 Parcel #410260601.

Mr. Clancy described the project as a roof mount for personal use; panels would be mounted onto an outbuilding sited on Mr. Robinson's residential property, no change in property footprint. Mr. Clancy stated that the utility company would pay Mr. Robinson the base rate for the power sent back out onto the grid.

Bob Benson made a motion to approve the request for a Zoning Certificate. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Mr. Clancy was advised to bring the completed Zoning Certificate application form to Goodhue County if he has additional permit processing for completion. There was no charge from the township.

**Clerk's Report:** Cheryle reported that the first half of the ARPA funds had been received into the township's bank account, \$59,098.81 and so assumed that the application had been processed accordingly.

Cheryle reported that she would prefer to send township minutes, after they have been approved, to the Goodhue County Auditor Treasurer's office for Levy Certification.

Cheryle reported that the Ellingson check had not yet cleared the bank and so called Ellingson to inquire. Cheryle reported that the check had not arrived. She reported that Ellingson had expressed their flexibility regarding a remedy.

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

**Beginning Balance \$307, 451.73**

Receipts	\$59,366.93
Disbursed	\$6,146.36
Ending Balance	\$360,672.30
Ending Balance August, 2020	\$293,644.63

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Mary recited the township’s “receipts and disbursements”, August 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 August, 2020 was noted as \$293,644.63.

Treasurer Lundell reviewed revenues as receipts mostly from the first half of ARPA funds in the amount of \$59,098.81. Mary invited questions regarding the Bank Statements and then proceeded to report on some outstanding checks.

She noted that the Ellingson check had not been cashed, dated 7-20-21. The amount was \$5, 247.06, check #10959.

She noted, also, that check #10959, to the Cannon Valley Rural Fire Association, had been cashed very recently and would be cleared for September, in the amount of \$4,999.83.

Two payroll checks cleared: 9-1-21 and 9-2-21. One payroll check remains outstanding from 3-22-21. Check #20952 in the amount of \$69.26.

Treasurer Lundell noted that check #10926 issued to Don Enberg was also outstanding; Cheryle stated that she had called him about a month ago; Mr. Enberg assured Cheryle that he would locate the check and mail it in to his bank.

Bob Benson made a motion to stop payment on checks #20952 to Ellingson Water Management in the amount of \$5, 247.06 and check #10959 for replacement of a payroll check, less the payroll taxes. Ken Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

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 reported that he had installed the flag light bulb onto the west side of the town hall building; the bulb is a bit bright from certain approaches. A reflector was suggested as a viable alternative for the issue of compliance, related to road glare.

Adjustments to the bulb were proposed: a 4x8 plywood reflector was suggested to reduce glare, tipping the bulb slightly and some communications with the maker of the bulb were noted as options, as well.

Cheryle reported that the original printer from the office has likely reached the end of its useful life; may she purchase another? The second printer in the meeting hall is currently being used as the primary printer for the office.

Ken Burns made a motion to approve the purchase of a second printer for the township. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

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 Dave Garner's mower had been taken from the machine shed and he asked about keys. Karen Slininger replied that Dave had recently returned the keys that he had been issued.

Danny stated that he would be ready to post some signage, if the signs were available. Given a list, Cheryle agreed to order them. Ken Burns made a motion to approve the purchase of road signs. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Larry Jensen attended on line and agreed to be a second plow man. Larry was issued a safety vest.

Bob Benson offered to speak with property owner Marty Benson regarding ruts in the field to the south of the Town Hall.

Danny stated that he had not yet, been able to locate a vendor to do brush spraying.

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 for execution. A question for payment timing was acknowledged. In general, a revision and subsequent legal review was discussed. Chair Slininger offered to revise the document for a legal review.

Karen Slininger made a motion to rescind and rewrite the contract offer, for a legal opinion from Troy Gilchrist. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

2. Discussion ensued regarding a review for the requested maintenance of 323<sup>rd</sup> Street to the curve; maneuvering with some sort of turnaround was discussed; an onsite visit was discussed and supported. Karen agreed to meet with Danny on site. Property owners might be involved, as well.

**New Business:**

1. Discussion of Stanton Trail Community Tower Resources Relative to ARPA- Ken Burns opened some conversation about improving broadband capabilities using a local tower. He suggested the following guidelines for participation: minimum of 4 property owners and a local liaison.

Ken offered to look into the work of developing a process for disbursement of the ARPA benefits for better broad band benefits; guidelines and county regulation would need to be researched.

2. Jacobson Property

- a) Ken Burns reported that he had responded to a request for a Compliance Inspection of Cannon Custom Cabinets. Upon inspection, he noted that the exhaust to the outdoor air had been unfiltered; filtering had been stipulated in the Stanton Township Conditional Use Permit. He requested the issuance of a Violation Notice. Cheryle reported that she had mailed the notice, 9-16-21.
- b) Karen Slininger reported on the possible right of way encroachment at the Jacobsen property. An in ground sprinkler system was being proposed; Danny Lundell had a concern that the flag markings indicated that the heads might be subject to damage from equipment in proximity to the road. Some discussion ensued.

Danny referenced a “Hold Harmless” agreement that had been signed by another property owner that had made improvements encroaching into the township right of way.

**Ordinance Review:** Solar Review continues to workshop; recent discussions took place on the subjects of decommissioning, bonding and the reference chart/table.

**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:** MAT Annual Meeting and Educational Conference, September 9-11th, 2021 was conducted remotely. Danny and Mary Lundell attended and gave a brief review. Mary reported that our Second Congressional District Representative, Angie Craig, was a featured speaker.

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

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

**Claims:** Bob Benson made a motion to pay claims. Ken Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

**Adjourn:** Ken Burns made a motion to adjourn. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3\0. The meeting adjourned at 9:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cheryle A. Peters  
Clerk, Stanton Township

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Karen Slininger  
Chair, Stanton Township Board of Supervisors