

## Stanton Township Board Meeting

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**Attending:** Supervisor, Bob Benson; Chair, Karen Slininger; Road Manager, Danny Lundell; Treasurer, Mary Lundell; Supervisor, Bruce Ohmann; Dalton Leritz; Tom Kurtz; Jenelle Sternitzky and Rosie Schlueter attended via Zoom.

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. None were heard.

**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed.

**Approval of Minutes From December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Bob Benson made a motion to approve the December 17th, 2024 minutes. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0.

### **Public to Speak Regarding Non- Agenda Items:**

#### **Zoning Requests/Permits:**

1. Mr. Dalton Leritz, 32880 Stanton Trail, requested approval to construct a 2880 square foot post frame building on Parcel # 410261000, 10 acres in the Township A-2. Goodhue County also zones the property A-2.

Bob Benson made a motion to approve the request as it had been submitted. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

2. Frontier Excavation Approvals- Oxford Mill Road and 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue-Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the requests from Frontier; a bond was in place and the excavation permits had been paid. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.
3. Excel Energy Excavation Approvals -Goodhue Avenue; Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the request; a bond was in place and the excavation permit had been paid. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

#### **Clerk's Report:**

1. FEMA quote from Bruce for 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue box culvert repair was offered for review. Bruce gave some detail information for the file.
2. Ballot Orders have been placed; Absentee Voting begins February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

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### Beginning Balance \$154,977.54

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$99,380.15</b>
<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>\$11,470.41</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$242,887.57</b>
<b>Dec, 2023</b>	<b>\$397,810.07</b>

### Treasurer's Report:

Mary Lundell recited the township's "receipts and disbursements", 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 December 2023 was noted as \$397,810.07. It was reported that Receipts were sourced mostly from the Second Half

Property Taxes, \$97,226.67. A residual amount of Town Aid had been received, as well and some interest on the checking account.

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

**Building Report:** Bob Benson made a motion to purchase a waterproof lock box for the Town Hall building; Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The price was noted as \$39.99. The motion passed 3/0.

### Road Report:

Gravel Quotes:

1. Anderson Rock and Lime, Inc. submitted a quote of \$10.95 per ton delivered to township roads and \$12.75, to township residences.
2. Kiehmeyer submitted a quote for 12.00 delivered to township roads and \$13.00, to township residences.

Bob Benson made a motion to accept the quote from Anderson Rock and Lime, Inc. for \$10.95 per ton delivered to township roads. Bruce Ohman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Bob Benson reported that he had inspected the positions of stake markers in the Woodland Heights area; he noted that the right of way is 66 feet wide. Some discussion ensued regarding policy for such plow markers; the markers are not considered to be sanctioned by the township and can be used only at the property owners' own risk. Rights of way are reserved for the operation of heavy machinery, as well as road traffic.

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

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### **Old Business:**

1. Karen Slininger offered hard copy of the Employee Policy document, for review in February.
2. Check # 11520 for the amount of \$291.29, approved at the December 17<sup>th</sup> Regularly Scheduled Town Board meeting, was voided due to a clerical error, with the claimant. A new claim, #32477 and new check, #11526 were issued at the town board meeting, January 21, 2025 in the amount of \$167.40.

### **New Business:**

1. The Goodhue County Assessor, Lavon Augustine, would like to meet on Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11AM for the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Book Meeting, at the Town Hall. The date and time were acceptable for confirmation.
2. Resolutions appointing Election Judges For the Township Officers' Election and Absentee Ballot Board were executed: #01212025TS was read aloud. Karen Slininger made a motion to adopt. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

#01212025AB was read aloud. Bob Benson made a motion to adopt. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

1. Zoom Communication Services were discussed for continuance. More research was suggested.

### **Reports of Meetings/Trainings Attended:**

1. MAT Conferences via Zoom on 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays; Mary reported that she had viewed MAT short conferences on the subjects of Gifts, Bonuses and Reorg. Meetings.
2. MAT Annual Meeting and Conference; Mary reported briefly on the Annual Conference.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

1. Township Tuesday Conference Calls-1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
2. Township Supervisors are required to be certified every 4 years, for the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization held in the spring for townships. The training is online and closes before February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Board of Appeal and Equalization training- Minnesota Department of Revenue (state.mn.us).
3. Annual Board of Audit meeting, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 4pm.
4. Goodhue County Association of Township Officers meeting February 1<sup>st</sup>, Zumbrota VFW, 9am.
5. Minnesota Association of Townships, District 4 special election. Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> in Faribault, @6:30pm. Board members should have received the flyer in the mail.

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**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. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

**Adjourn:** Karen Slininger made a motion to adjourn. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Respectfully submitted\_\_\_\_\_

Cheryle A. Peters

Clerk, Stanton Township\_\_\_\_\_

Karen Slininger

Chair, Stanton Township Board of Supervisors\_\_\_\_\_