

Stanton Township Board Meeting

Attending: Chair, Karen Slininger; Road Manager, Danny Lundell; Treasurer, Mary Lundell; Supervisor, Bruce Ohmann; Clerk, Cheryle Peters; Supervisor, Bob Benson; Sue Mieska, Mary Ohmann, Tom Kurtz, Mary and Michael Bunde; Linda Traynor; Goodhue County Deputy Sheriff, John Becklund; Jenelle Sternitsky and Rosie Schluter attended online.

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.

Nomination and Election of Officers for the Township Board of Supervisors:

Karen Slininger nominated Bob Benson to serve as chair; Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion; the motion passed 2/0.

Bob Benson nominated Bruce Ohmann to serve as vice chair; Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 2/0.

Approval of Minutes From March 18th, 2025: Bob Benson made a motion to approve the March 18th minutes. Karen Slininger seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0.

Public to Speak Regarding Non- Agenda Items: Goodhue County Sheriff's Office, Deputy John Becklund; Rosie Schluter, 33411 55th Avenue Way, inquired regarding any updates from the city of Cannon Falls; some discussion occurred regarding a meeting on April 29th on the subject of a proposed data center in the area of 86 and 52.

Zoning Requests/Permits:

1. Mary and Michael Bunde, 2005 300 Street Way, Cannon Falls, MN 55009, requested a Variance allowing the construction of a 24x30 detached garage, in the township R-1. The request would allow the construction using approximately 8 feet of side setback against the property line; Parcel #411820130 is .48 acres in the Lake Byllesby West Third Plat. The existing garage would be removed. A new site plan was briefly reviewed;

Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the Variance request as described; Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0.

2. Michael Traynor, 5786 331st Street, Cannon Falls, MN, 55009 requested a public hearing for the consideration of a 26x30x9 garage, constructed on Parcel # 411600300 in Section 36. The property is located in the Oxford Hills subdivision. The proposal is related to side setbacks on the east property line.

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Karen Slininger made a motion to post the public hearing notice for May 13th, 2025. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Clerk's Report:

1. Cheryle reported that the Renewal Process For Zoom services had been initiated -Sophie, a Customer Service Representative, is working with the township to identify a “partner” for the receipt of our existing account. The account continues to be active with an expiration date of May 1, 2025. An extension for the Pro version of the zoom subscription was offered if needed.
2. Cheryle reported regarding FEMA processing-The Box Culvert Project, 23rd Avenue- has not yet been obligated. The value of damage has been documented for that location; FEMA has given the cost estimate for reimbursement specific to the damage incurred for disaster declaration 4797DR. Also, specific to the damage incurred for the same event at the same location, is an amount that has been called out as “mitigation”. This value is limited to the amount approved for the damage incurred per the event, however can be added to an approved amount considered “406 mitigation”.
3. Review of quote #1014, submitted by Bruce Ohmann, for comprehensive repairs to the Box Culvert, 23rd Avenue, in the amount of \$18,762. Karen Slininger made a motion to accept the quote to repair the Box Culvert, 23rd Avenue; Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 2/0.

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

Beginning Balance \$244,968.81

Receipts	\$418.38
Disbursed	\$ 2 5 , 6 6 4 . 4 1
Ending Balance	2 1 9 , 7 2 2 . 7 8
March, 2024	3 5 2 , 3 4 7 . 8 9

Treasurer's Report:

Mary Lundell recited the township's “receipts and disbursements”, March 1-31st, 2025 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 March 2024 was noted as \$352,347.89;

Karen Slininger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

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Treasurer Lundell reported regarding:

Unemployment payments, CTAS Updates, Minnesota Association of Townships policy, the ARPA Annual Report and a submitted record's request. Discussion ensued regarding the records request.

Karen Slininger made a motion to approve a \$24.30 fee for office supplies, charged to Sue Mieska, for said records request.

Building Report:

1. The need for roof quotes was discussed briefly.

Road Report:

1. Brief discussion ensued regarding a culvert that has frozen more than once, in the Frog Creek 40th Avenue area; a review with the Soil and Water District was noted.
2. Guard rails were discussed, as reviewed from the Road Inspection March 28th, 2025, for Goodhue Avenue; it was noted that there is minimal or no ditch on the road side bottom of the hill; Northfield Township is the adjacent line road jurisdiction for Goodhue Avenue.
3. Emails offering a dynamic road sign, to the township, in exchange for a commitment to maintenance of the sign, were reviewed and respectfully declined.
4. Chloride Quotes were reported as follows:
 - NSI, \$1.477 per gallon applied
 - Leuhman's 2025 quote was stated as \$1.43 per gallon applied.

Karen Slininger made a motion to accept the quote of \$1.43 per gallon applied, from Leuhman's Construction; Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Karen Slininger made a motion to purchase gravel from Anderson Rock and Lime, Inc., not to exceed \$80,000, as needed. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Karen Slininger made a motion to offer dust control purchases to applicants @\$50 per 100 foot increments. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Old Business:

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New Business:

1. Danny Lundell was offered a onetime mowing contract; research on services that might, also, provide a landscaping overhaul was discussed regarding the remainder of the season.
2. A Short meeting to sign Payroll checks was scheduled.
3. Resolution For Summit Golf Club Malt Liquor Renewal;

Karen Slininger made a motion approve the renewal resolution for the Summit Golf Club Malt Liquor license. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Ordinance Review:

Motion to proceed with Supervisor approval for Text Ordinance of Clean Copy Document for Section 15 regarding IUP and an additional Text Amendment proposed by the PC in 2023 for the Solar Energy Systems Ordinance, Section 31; the amendment notes language regarding multiple jurisdictions: Federal, State and Local.

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

Reports of Meetings/Trainings Attended:

1. MAT Conferences via Zoom on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
2. Spring Short Courses-Bob Benson and Karen Slininger attended March 18th, 2025. Mary Lundell attended at a different location; she reported on various subjects.

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Township Tuesday Conference Calls-1st and 3rd Tuesdays
2. The township will meet on Wednesday April 16th at 11AM, with the Goodhue County Assessors, for the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Book Meeting at the Town Hall.

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. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

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Adjourn: Karen Slininger made a motion to adjourn. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3\0. The meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

Respectfully submitted_____

Cheryle A. Peters

Clerk, Stanton Township_____

Bob Benson, Stanton Township Board of Supervisors_____