

Stanton Township Board Meeting

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

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

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed.

Approval of Minutes From April 15th, 2025: Bruce Ohmann 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 Matt Petersen attended the meeting for purposes of Community Engagement; some brief discussion ensued.

Sue Mieska, read a statement for the record, however, the Zoom volume was not audible to those attending. The statement was received into the record for a future reference.

Zoning Requests/Permits:

1. Steve Ripley, requested a Zoning Certificate approving the construction of a 12x14 attached screened porch, on behalf of his clients Brian and Heidi Lund, 33092 57th Avenue; Parcel #411600130 is located in the Oxford Hills subdivision. Bob Benson made a motion to approve the request; Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.
2. Wade Gobin, 31130 Oxford Mill Road, Cannon Falls, MN 55009, is requesting a Zoning Certificate approving the construction of a 32x32 detached garage. Parcel #411500500, 1.68 acres is located in the Woodland Heights subdivision. Mr. Gobin was not able to attend.
3. Linda Traynor, 5786 331st Street, Cannon Falls, MN, requested a Variance for the construction of a 26x30x9 garage, Parcel # 411600300 in Section 36. The Variance would allow a 5 foot side setback on the east property line. The property is located in the Oxford Hills subdivision. The Traynors will be requesting a Variance, also, from Goodhue County to allow a 5 foot setback on the east side property line; Chair, Bob Benson made a motion to approve the request for a Variance, and Zoning Certificate contingent upon Goodhue County Zoning approval for the 5 foot east side property line setback Variance. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

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4. Mairi Doerr, 29555 23rd Avenue Way, requested a review of her proposal to construct a privacy fence relative to the current Stanton Township Planning and Zoning Ordinance controls. Ms. Doerr requested a Variance approving the construction of a privacy fence using a mixed height design, with a maximum height of 6 feet; Parcel # 411810040 is located, in the Lake Byllesby West Second Plat.

The proposed fencing at 6 feet high is app. 118 feet along the SE property line (the front) and a 90 degree right angle on the NW end of the property, app. 30 feet in each direction, per the submitted site plan. A four foot fence with a gate is proposed for the NE end of the property, per the site plan provided. Per site inspections, Right of Way setbacks would be conforming and are currently surveyor marked. Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the request per the site plan. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. No construction permit was deemed to be necessary.

Clerk's Report:

1. Renewal process for Zoom-Sophie, a Customer Service Representative, is still 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, as necessary to sustain the Pro version Account, for 2025;
2. FEMA-Box Culvert Project, 23rd Avenue- Not obligated yet, but approved for the full value of the quote for repairs, under 406 Mitigation;
3. ARPA report was submitted;
4. Chloride Orders Submitted.

Beginning Balance \$219,722.78

Receipts	\$18,025.20
Disbursed	\$ 10,784.35
Ending Balance	226,963.63
April, 2024	340,288.70

Treasurer's Report:

Mary Lundell recited the township's "receipts and disbursements", April 1-30th, 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 April 2024 was noted as \$340,288.70.

Treasurer Lundell reported that most of the receipts were sourced from MN Mgt & Budget, FEMA Public Assistance, totaling \$17,617.77.

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Treasurer Lundell reported that Unemployment Insurance claims were paid electronically in the amount of \$261.20.

Building Report:

Roof quotes were reviewed-Karen Slininger made a motion to accept the quote for \$15,000, from Atlast Roofing, for work on the main building roof; Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0.

Lawn Mowing Quote- Bruce Ohmann made a motion to accept the quote from, The Lawn Guy mowing and trimming services, stated as \$80.53 per week. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Road Report:

1. A brief review ensued regarding 340th Avenue Way; Danny reported that a complaint had been referred to him and he subsequently visited the property owner, explaining that the line road agreement for 340th Avenue Way, currently compensates Warsaw Township for grading services.
2. Danny reported that Barga, Inc. has not returned regarding performance discussion, relative to 55th Avenue Way.
3. A cedar tree on Stanton Trail was discussed as a right of way issue.

Old Business:

New Business:

Bruce Ohmann made a motion to re-appoint Planning Commissioners, Hannah Regenscheid and Jeff Davis, each for their respective terms; Karen Slininger seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0. Both terms are set to expire in May, 2028.

Ordinance Review:

Bob Benson read aloud the Summary of Ordinance change Public Notice to appear in the Beacon, describing the Ordinance Text Amendment as following:

Inserted 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 the Public Notice Summary; Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. The new Ordinance language will be effective May 29th, 2025.

Reports of Meetings/Trainings Attended:

1. MAT Conferences via Zoom on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

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2. Spring Short Courses-
3. The township met 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; two motions regarding shoreline easements were requested and approved.

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Township Tuesday Conference Calls-1st and 3rd Tuesdays
2. Town Law Review **DATE:** Friday, May 30, 2025
 - a. **TIME:** Registration opens at 8:00 AM, and the event begins at 9:00 AM and ends in the afternoon.
 - b. **LOCATION:** Rockwoods Event Center, 9100 Quaday Ave NE, Otsego, MN 55330
 - c. **COST:** \$75 per officer, which includes program expenses, printed materials, refreshments, and lunch; Mary Lundell reported that she plans to attend.

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.

Adjourn: Bob Benson made a motion to adjourn. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted_____

Cheryle A. Peters

Clerk, Stanton Township_____

Chair, Bob Benson, Stanton Township Board of Supervisors_____