

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, Goodhue County Deputy Sheriff, Brandon Sell; Sue Mieska called in via Zoom.

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 May 20th, 2025: Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the May 20th minutes. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0.

Public to Speak Regarding Non- Agenda Items:

Mary Lundell suggested a change of date for the Regularly Scheduled Planning Commission meeting of August 12th, 2025.

Deputy Brandon Sell, Goodhue County Sheriff's Office, attended for community engagement.

Sue Mieska, 29679 23rd Avenue, Cannon Falls, MN 55009, called in via Zoom, however the audio volume was not adequate for those attending. Clerk, Cheryle Peters, read aloud the statement that Ms. Mieska would have recited herself. Mary Lundell offered rebuttal to the statement.

Zoning Requests/Permits:

TELCOM CONSTRUCTION requested an Excavation permit for work to be completed at 33820 Goodhue Avenue, Northfield. Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the request contingent upon receipt of the permit fee of \$65.00; Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0.

Clerk's Report:

1. Resident chloride orders were submitted as requested.
2. FEMA obligated the Public Assistance request for mitigation work on the 23rd Avenue Way box culvert location.
3. New Election Laws-2025 Legislation Session review of changes was sent by Goodhue County Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

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Beginning Balance \$226,963.63

Receipts	\$9,487.88
Disbursed	\$ 84,720.46
Ending Balance	\$ 151,731.05
May, 2024	\$ 281,192.63

Treasurer's Report:

Mary Lundell recited the township's "receipts and disbursements", May 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 May 2024 was noted as \$281,192.63

Treasurer Lundell reported that most of the receipts were sourced from chloride payments. Mary reported that she had received a notice that some of the obligated FEMA reimbursements could be expected in the next week, as well.

Bob Benson called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Karen Slininger so moved. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Building Report:

1. Cheryle thanked Karen Slininger for her records retention work.
2. Cheryle reported that the Town Hall grounds had been mowed and invoicing would occur at the end of the month via email.
3. Danny noted the use of gopher poison on the grounds.

Road Report:

1. Quotes were submitted for proposed road work on Sciota Trail; 55th Avenue; discussion ensued. Danny noted that Bagen, Inc. had not returned regarding performance discussions; cracks in the Town Hall parking area, and the lingering issue, on 55th Avenue Way was noted. A decision was tabled.
2. Karen Slininger made a motion to authorize a township supervisor to meet with chemical spray service vendors to estimate, for contracted services, not to exceed \$4,000. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

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3. Karen Slininger made a motion to approve expenses, not to exceed \$5,000, toward contracted tree removals, from Safe's Tree Services. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.
4. Danny reported that he had spoken with a person, residing on 40th Avenue, regarding a "grading after dust control treatment".
5. Some brief discussion ensued regarding a tree trim/ removal on Stanton Trail; the property owner consented to an appropriate remedy.
6. Tom Kurtz noted, a letter sent to him, from the Unemployment office. Limited discussion ensued, with Tom's permission, regarding the township's role as an employer. An email from the township should be adequate to resolve the issue.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Bruce Ohmann made a motion to purchase 500 gallons of LP from Ag Partners under the 2025-26 pre-pay contract @ \$1.64 per gallon, credit balance applied in the amount \$236.91. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.
2. Telcom Construction, LLC requested approval for an Excavation permit for 33820 Goodhue Avenue right of way, Job #25058973 per their application. Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the request, per the included site map; Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Reports of Meetings/Trainings Attended:

1. MAT Conferences via Zoom on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
2. Mary Lundell, reported that she had attended the Town Law Review Friday, May 30, 2025 in Otsego, MN. Some subjects noted as relevant at the Review, were developers' agreements, open meeting law, solar energy systems and federal responsibilities.
3. Mary noted that Amazon business memberships are being offered to townships; MATIT products are available for review in July; payment is due August 15th, 2025.

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Upcoming Meetings:

1. Township Tuesday Conference Calls-1st and 3rd Tuesdays
2. Mary noted that she would like to attend a training offered by the State of Minnesota, (DOR), in Hastings and online on the subject of Revenue.
3. M AT District 4 Meeting-August 12th, 2025

District 4: Townships in Carver, Dakota, Goodhue, Le Sueur, McLeod, Nicollet, Rice, Scott, Sibley Counties

WHEN: Tuesday, August 12, 2025

TIME:5:30 PM - Optional opportunity to meet with MAT staff for questions

6:00 PM - Registration & Refreshments

7:00 PM - Meeting

8:00 PM - Election

Mary Lundell suggested rescheduling the August Planning Commission meeting for the MAT District 4 meeting. Some Discussion ensued.

Mail: Karen Slininger made a motion to review the mail. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Karen made a recommendation to direct the IRS snail mail to bookkeeping, for Mary to correct.

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

A “global” fee from CDW Government was quoted as \$236.07, for 1 Pro Annual Zoom services and some added management fees. The claim review was conducted and declined on the basis of an “excessive” processing fee, applied by CDW.

A claim, from Warsaw Township, for gravel cost share on Line Road 340th Street Way, was reviewed and declined in the interest of clarification.

Adjourn: Bob Benson made a motion to adjourn. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3\0. The meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted_____

Cheryle A. Peters

Clerk, Stanton Township_____

Chair, Bob Benson, Stanton Township Board of Supervisors_____