

## Stanton Township Board Meeting

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**Attending:** Chair, Bob Benson; Supervisor, Karen Slininger; Road Manager, Danny Lundell; Treasurer, Mary Lundell; Clerk, Cheryle Peters; Mary Ohmann, Tom Kurtz, Scott Olson, Steve Burgstahler, Sue Mieska, and Assistant Fire Chief, Jake Toldeo; Jenelle Sternitzky, Ruth Sternitzky and Mellissa Garner attended 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 January 20th, 2026:** Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the January 20th minutes, removing Chris Wegman and John Monsour from the list of documented contributors. Bob Benson seconded the motion; the motion passed 2/0.

**Public to Speak:**

Randolph/Hampton Assistant Fire Chief, Jake Toldeo, on behalf of Fire Chief, Chris Opelt.

Ruth Sternitzky, 30991 Oxford Mill Road, Cannon Falls, MN 55009, noted that she supported raising the Levy.

Goodhue County Commissioner, Brad Anderson, attended to address the Town Board audience; he noted that he would likely not be able to attend the Annual meeting.

Commissioner Anderson was asked about immigrant related detentions; he replied that detentions are limited to 48 hours by the State of Minnesota; if custody is not assumed by another jurisdiction within that period of time, detainees are released.

Some brief discussion ensued regarding bridge and culvert terms and definitions.

Commissioner Anderson stated that he would not run to serve another term; he would like to finish with 12 years of service to the electorate. The commissioner was thanked by the audience for his service.

**Zoning Requests/Permits:**

Bobby Johnson, 4898 Scout Ridge Way, Cannon Falls, MN 55009, requested a Zoning Certificate allowing the construction of a 30x48 cold\_storage shed, on Parcel #410141501, 6.67 acres. Setbacks were noted. Bob Benson made a motion to approve the request, as stated. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 2/0.

Dave Lorentz, 4900 Scout Ridge Way, Cannon Falls, MN 55009 requested a Variance to allow an additional dwelling in the NE quarter of the SE quarter of Section 14, Parcel #410141500. Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the request as stated; Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 2/0.

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### Clerk's Report:

- Cheryle reported that she had picked up voting equipment and supplies, from the Auditor Treasurer's Office.
- Cheryle requested approval to place notices in the Beacon for a change of Planning Commission meeting date, the Township Officers' Election and Annual Meeting event and a notice for the Public Accuracy Testing of the assisted voter equipment. Absentee Voting on Saturday March 7th, 2026 would be published, as well.

### Treasurer's Report:

#### **Beginning Balance \$256,430.75**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$4626.44</b>
<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>\$12803.78</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$248,253.41</b>
<b>January, 2025</b>	<b>\$238,949.20</b>

Mary Lundell recited the township's "receipts and disbursements", January 1-31st, 2026 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 January 2026 was noted as \$238,949.20

Treasurer Lundell reported that she had been working on various year end reports including the MATIT Workman's Comp Audit for the year 2025.

Bob Benson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 2/0.

### Building Report:

### Road Report:

1. Danny reported that he had used all of the sand that had been left from last season and ordered more.
2. Danny reported that he, Bob and Bruce had visited the 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue culvert site for the purpose of finding a possible remedy for repeated episodes of freezing; the Annual Road Inspection was suggested for the next point of action.
3. Bob Benson noted that he would not be available to assist with township road plowing duties for approximately the next three weeks.

### Old Business:

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### **New Business:**

#### ***Financial Reports for Annual Meeting-***

Karen Slininger and Mary Lundell reviewed the financial documents, prepared for the Annual Meeting.

Mary Lundell reported that she had submitted the yearly CTAS report to the Office of the State Auditor.

Karen Slininger referenced Goodhue Avenue at the Northfield Township line road location for some tree removal expenses; Mike Estrem had noted some future likely expenses, approximately \$3,000.

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

1. MAT Conferences via Zoom on 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays
2. Town Board of Audit-Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @9am
3. GHC Township Officers' Meeting- February 7th, 2024 @9am, Zumbrota VFW

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

1. Township Tuesday Conference Calls-1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
2. Day at the Capital March 7th, 2026
3. Spring Short Courses-March 17, 2026 8-3
4. Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Open Book Meeting –Wednesday, April 22, 11am
5. Randolph/Hampton Fire District Annual Business Meeting-Thursday March 5th, 2026 6:30pm

**Mail:** Bob Benson made a motion to open mail; Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Claims:** Karen Slininger made a motion to pay claims; Bob Benson seconded the motion; The motion passed.

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**Adjourn:** Bob Benson made a motion to adjourn 8:39pm. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 2/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryle A. Peters

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

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