

Stanton Township Board Meeting

Attending: Chair, Bob Benson; Vice Chair, Bruce Ohmann; Supervisor, Karen Slininger; Road Manager, Danny Lundell; Treasurer, Mary Lundell; Clerk, Cheryle Peters; Steve Burgstahler, Mary Tanner, Kris Jacobson, Steve Jacobson and Deputy Sheriff Caleb Juen.

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 February 17th, 2026: Bruce Ohmann made a motion to approve the February 17th minutes. Bob Benson seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0.

Public to Speak: Goodhue County Sheriff's Deputy, Caleb Juen, attended the meeting and was invited to speak. He noted that one of his partners had been hit on Highway 52; Deputy Juen stated that the MN Highway Patrol was investigating the incident. He reported that 17,000 calls for service is the average, however the snow storm escalated the number to about 20,000 calls.

Steve Burgstahler, 31599 Oxford Mill Road, Cannon Falls, MN 55009, spoke regarding his willingness to serve on a committee, in the study of road maintenance services. As a former employee of MN DOT District 6, Mr. Burgstahler has a working knowledge regarding market values relative to such services and equipment.

Peggy Lake, 31190 55th Avenue Way, Cannon Falls, MN 55009, spoke regarding the need to establish a code of conduct using a reminder at each meeting.

Some minimal contact information was exchanged.

Zoning Requests/Permits:

Clerk's Report:

Cheryle requested permission to contact the township attorney, Troy Gilchrist, regarding a building rights question. The property owner is requesting building rights for each of two parcels: 411400020 and 411400030. Both lots are non-conforming and are parts of the original Stanton Plat.

Cheryle proposed a document, from Mr. Gilchrist, indicating some legal options for the township to address the building rights request, for these two parcels.

Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the request to contact Mr. Gilchrist. Bob Benson seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0.

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Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance \$248,253.41

Receipts	\$192.31
Disbursed	\$19,520.74
Ending Balance	\$228,924.98
February, 2025	\$244,968.81

Mary Lundell recited the township's "receipts and disbursements", February 1-28th, 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 February 2025 was noted as \$244,968.81.

Treasurer Lundell noted that it had been a pretty quiet month.

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

Building Report:

Road Report:

Danny reported that tree removal had been finished before the most recent snow storm; he moved some of the drifts to make them passable.

Old Business:

The Employee Policy document was reviewed; Karen reported that she had drafted the document, submitted it to Town Law Center for a legal review, and the document was tabled.

New Business:

1. MBA Life Insurance premium claim
2. Schedule Annual Road Tour- Bruce noted that partial grading before the tour might offer a better visual for gravel depths and conditions; one date and one alternate date was chosen; Friday April 10th @ 9am, alternate date Monday April 20th @ 9am.
3. Karen Slininger reported on a Possible Property Donation, .16 acres Tax Parcel 410132300 owned by Campbell Hotel Co Inc. No interest was indicated.

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Reports of Meetings/Trainings Attended:

1. MAT Conferences via Zoom on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
2. Spring Short Course-
3. Randolph/Hampton Fire District Annual Business Meeting-Thursday March 5th, 2026 beginning at 7pm, at Station # 1 in Randolph. Arrival, as early as 6:30pm; dinner starting at 6:45pm.
4. Cannon Falls Fire Meeting
5. Day at the Capital March 2nd, 2026-Topics discussed: Transportation Funding, Emergency Medical Services, Paid Family Leave Exemption, Property Taxes, Annexation, Data Centers, Fire Departments, Township Representations, Pull Tab Monies, Gear, Moratorium Proposals for Data Centers, Conditional Use Permit Requirements, No New Date for Training Cancellations.

Upcoming Meetings:

1. MAT Conferences via Zoom on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
2. The township will meet on Wednesday April 22nd at 11AM, with the Goodhue County Assessors, for the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Book Meeting at the Town Hall.

Mail: Karen Slininger made a motion to open mail; Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

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

Adjourn: Karen Slininger made a motion to adjourn 9:02pm. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryle A. Peters

Clerk, Stanton Township_____

Chair, Bob Benson, Stanton Township Board of Supervisors_____