

Regular Stanton Township Board Meeting

Township Officials Attending: Chair, Karen Slininger; Vice Chair, Bruce Ohmann; Supervisor, Bob Benson; Road Manager, Danny Lundell; Road Crew, Eddie Otto; Treasurer, Mary Lundell; Clerk, Cheryle Peters

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Any conflicts of interest were called. None were heard.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed.

Approve May 19, 2026 Minutes: Bruce Ohmann made a motion to approve the May 19th minutes; Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Public to Speak:

Deputy, Abigail Scanlan, Goodhue County Sheriff's Office attended for a brief visit with the audience.

Ruth Sternitzky, 30991 Oxford Mill Road, Cannon Falls, MN 55009 commented regarding safety issues on Oxford Mill Road.

Jenelle Sternitzky, 30991 Oxford Mill Road, Cannon Falls, MN 55009, spoke via Zoom requesting some remedial action relative to Cannon Custom Cabinets operations.

Scott Olson, 31124 55th Avenue Way, Cannon Falls, MN 5509, commented on the dehumidifier situation in the shop.

Zoning Requests/Permits:

1. James and Amber Barsness, 33628 35th Avenue, Dennison, MN 55018, requested a Zoning Certificate approving the construction of a 50x80 Accessory building on Parcel # 410340600, A-2, 40 acres. Setbacks were reviewed. Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the request. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.
2. Phil Muehring, 31496 Oxford Mill Road, Cannon Falls, MN 55009, requested a Zoning Certificate approving the construction of a 16x24 Accessory building on Parcel # 410242401, App. 20 acres in the Township's R-1 Zoning District. Setbacks were reviewed. Bruce Ohmann made a motion to approve the request; Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.
3. Don Enberg, 32913 10th Ave, Dennison, MN 55018, requested three Variances in regard to: two non-conforming Parcels, 4100020 and 4100030, in the Stanton Plat; a third Variance was requested to waive the requirement to combine non-conforming lots for, building purposes. Mr. Enberg requested building rights for each parcel. Karen Slininger made a motion to approve the request for all, of the three Variances. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion; the motion passed 3/0.

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4. Barry Taylor, 945 Sciota Trail E., Cannon Falls, MN 55009, requesting a Zoning Certificate approving the construction of a 40x52 Accessory building in the R-1 zone; Parcel # 411100040, R-1 approximately 10 acres, is part of the Cedarhurst Plat. Bob Benson made a motion to approve the request; Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Clerk's Report:

1. Cheryle reported that Election Judge training had been scheduled for sign-ups, beginning July 13th, 2026.

2. A request had been made to read, for the record, an email sent from Sue Mieska:

"I wanted to say a big Thanks to Eddie for doing a fantastic job on the roads in our neighborhood. Sciota Trail and 23rd Ave Way. Please let him know we appreciate his efforts to improve these roads with his expert grading. I'd also like it read into the minutes at the next board meeting".

Karen Slininger made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report; Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance \$206,518.47

R e c e i p t s	\$11,387.80
Disbursed	\$ 1 6 , 6 2 7 . 7 5
Ending Balance	\$ 2 0 1 , 2 7 8 . 5 2
May, 2025	\$ 1 5 1 , 7 3 1 . 0 5

Mary Lundell recited the township's "receipts and disbursements", May1-31st, 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 May 2025 was noted as \$151,731.05.

Chair, Karen Slininger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

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Building Report:

1. Cheryle reported that the lawn had been mowed.
2. Cheryle reported that the boiler had been repaired and the invoice was in the claims.
3. Danny reported that Nate Hernke had provided a product replacement purchase price for the shop dehumidifier; some brief discussion ensued. Karen Slininger made a motion to purchase the replacement model, not to exceed \$2400. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Road Report:

1. Danny reported that the road work was progressing, with Mr. Otto.
2. Eddie Otto noted that the culvert near Harry Robinsons might need a clean out.
3. Some brief discussion ensued regarding the Reclaimer used to pull in disturbed sod.
4. Karen reported that a neighborhood irrigator had dislocated road gravel multiple times; the township might collect damages for resultant repair work on Sciota Trail if future loss occurs as a direct result of the irrigators.
5. Karen Slininger made a motion to hire Carr's to spray for brush control, not to exceed \$3000. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.
6. Bob Benson made a motion to release an additional \$10,000 for gravel. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Bob Benson reported that inspections of the roads had taken place. He noted that 310th Street needed the most attention, loose gravel and a need to set.

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Old Business:

1. Steven Burgstahler, 31599 Oxford Mill Road, Cannon Falls, MN 55009, addressed the Town Board regarding the proposed concept of “subbing out” road work for the township.
2. Proposed drafting of an Employee Policy and FML Policy for Adoption; some discussion ensued; attorney prices could be investigated.

New Business:

1. Bob Benson made a motion to adopt the resolution to appoint the roster of election judges for the August Primary election, 2026. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.
2. Bruce Ohmann made a motion to purchase 500 gallons of LP from Ag Partners @ \$1.75 as a Pre-pay option. Bob Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Ordinance Review:

Bruce Ohmann made a motion to set the date for a public hearing regarding a Text Amendment proposal for Data Center development controls. The hearing was set for July 14th, 2026. The township attorney may be consulted. Karen Slininger seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Reports of Meetings/Trainings Attended:

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

Mail: Bob Benson made a motion to open mail; Bruce Ohmann 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: Bob Benson made a motion to adjourn 9:52pm. Bruce Ohmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryle A. Peters

Clerk, Stanton Township_____

Chair, Karen Slininger, Stanton Township Board of Supervisors_____