

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**JANUARY 11, 2017**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Roll call was taken.

All present read over the January 3, 2017 Budget Work Session Meeting Minutes. Lori **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Katie. **Approved Unan.** All present read over the December 14, 2016 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Lori **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved Unan.**

Lori read the Financial Statements. Kara **motioned** to approve the statements as read. **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved Unan.**

Kara presented Bills to be paid, with two bills being added. The first additional bill will come from the Road fund in the amount of \$728.97 made to the Board of Houghton County Road Commissioners for boat launch and north canal park grading from 10/27/16 and 10/28/16. The second additional bill will come from the Kenner Dome fund in the amount of \$107.96 made to Northstar Security for cage protectors for the security cameras at the dome. Lori **motioned** to approve all bills as **amended.** **2nd** by Katie. **Approved Unan.**

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**Freda Sewer Update:** All is well.

Katie gave the board the estimate from Designotype Printers for the Agate Beach signs. After everyone looked it over, Lori **motioned** to purchase the sign order for Agate Beach from Designotype Printers. **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved Unan.**

**Kenner Dome Update:** Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen **motioned** to accept current Rink Manager, Carrie Massie's resignation. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.** Marvin made another **motion** to pay an additional bill for the Kenner Dome from Northstar Security in the amount of \$107.96 for security camera cages and an extra power supply. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.** Rink maintenance men, Bob Mantta and Marty Rajala informed the board that the new cameras are up and running. They also reported that the cameras have a three year warranty and are in prime working order. They also mentioned that the board needs to hire a new rink manager. The initial snow dumps need shoveling out and the doors need shoveling out. They both have keys for everything. We need the deadbolts to be keyed the same so Marty will take care of that. The old locker room is in rough shape and is kept locked from the public. This problem (clean up) will be addressed in the spring.

**Assessing Update:** Per a letter from Kelly Sobel of the State of Michigan, our plan was submitted and accepted and will be reviewed again in 2017.

Next the board verified that the next special meeting (Budget Work Session) will be held on January 24, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen **motioned** to make the following three **Budget Amendments:**

- 1.) From the Sewer Fund, change item #80305 from \$2,760 to \$3,200
- 2.) From the Road Fund, change item #1444a from \$360,000 to \$450,000
- 3.) From the Liminga Fire Fund, change item #1342ro from \$1,000 to \$3,000

The motion was **2nd** by Katie. **Approved Unan.**

**Fire Fund Pct#1 Liminga Update:** Per Fire Chief Mike Pionke...Three members are going to Fire School for FF1, three medical first responders are going for trauma training at Portage Health. Member Jon Stone is a certified Fire Instructor and will be going to Traverse City, MI for three consecutive weekends where he can learn to teach some other classes. He and John Mattila are teaching the FF1 class at Jeffers High School right now.

Bekkala Diesel Repair will modify the transmission on the DNR Mack Tanker/Pumper this week. Also, Mike will submit his budget to the board before the next Budget Work Session Meeting on January 24, 2017. He will be present at the work session to discuss his proposed budget. He will also be asking John Paul Pietila of TES Traverse Engineering Svcs P.C. why the exhaust fans in the new garage come on for no apparent reason.

**Fire Fund Pct#2 Toivola Update:** Per Fire Chief Gary Hoekstra...the dept. has been spending money at Pomasl Fire Equipment for wheels and lights in the last couple of weeks so Kara will be receiving bills in the mail from them soon. The dept. also wants to buy a mini pumper with less than 10,000 miles on it from an outfit in Wisconsin. If they like it they will need to finance it. The price right now is at \$87,000, but they are hoping for further negotiations to pay less than that.

The electric bill from **REA. ONTANAGON** (Michigan Broadband) will be split with the Toivola Rec Center from now on as there is only one meter.

Gary is in the process of getting a quote from Aire Care on something else, but would like to get a quote from them on lights in their garage bays at the same time.

Gary also mentioned that the dept. has a plow truck but can't get anyone on the dept. to plow the parking lot of the fire dept. and rec center. Thoughts? Gary will try and find someone to do it, but the stipulations the board came up with are 1. The person must be a firefighter 2. The person must use the fire dept. plow truck 3. The person must have a valid driver's license Marvin **motioned** to hire a Toivola firefighter using the fire dept.'s plow truck and having a valid driver's license to plow the two parking lots at \$25 per time. **2nd** by Katie. **Approved Unan.**

The board also told Gary that they must turn over the other accounts they have to the township, per Twp. Auditor, Mike Jutila.

Next Marvin **motioned** to accept the 2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines Resolution. **2nd** by Lori. And this was taken on a **Roll Call Vote: (5) AYES (0) NAYS Approved Unan.**

Mary gave the board the March 2017 BOR Meeting Dates and they are as follows:

Tuesday, March 7, 2017@7PM Organizational Meeting  
Monday, March 13, 2017 from 1 - 4PM and 6 - 9PM  
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 from 1 - 4PM and 6 - 9PM

Marvin **motioned** to accept the BOR Dates as stated and to publish them in the Daily Mining Gazette. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.** Kara will also post them on the township website, at the hall in the window and at the school.

Next Marvin **motioned** to appoint the 2017 BOR members and alternates as follows: Richard Buis, Mark Haataja(alternate), Robert Landsparger, Christopher Wojick, Dave Sakari(alternate) and Shane Sullivan. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved Unan.**

Mary also mentioned that the State of Michigan wants to use our meeting hall for BOR Training on February 14, 2017 and in exchange for the use of the hall our board member training will be free. The board agreed that this is satisfactory.

**Public Comment Accepted.**

Marvin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:16PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by:   
Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by:   
Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**JANUARY 3, 2017**  
**BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor Marvin Heinonen called the Budget Work Session of the Stanton Township Board to order at 5:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Robert Mantta, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen, Trustee/Katie Tormala and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

The board started off the work session with the sewer fund budget. After significant discussion, they came up with a new budget. Next they worked on the road fund budget and came away with a budget shortly thereafter. The fire fund pct#2 budget came next, and with no input from the dept. they came up with a budget going off of prior budgets. Last of all the board worked on fire fund pct#1's budget. Fire Chief Mike Pionke will give budget input at the next budget meeting, so the board made a temporary budget based off of prior budgets. The board will work on the general fund budget at the next budget meeting, which is scheduled for January 24, 2017@5PM, and will fine tune any of the other budgets that need it also.

Lori **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:21PM. **2nd** by Katie. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
by: 

**Kara Heinonen, Clerk**

Approved

  
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**Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor**

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**JANUARY 24, 2017**  
**BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor Marvin Heinonen called the Budget Work Session Meeting to order at 5:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen, Trustee/Katie Tormala and Clerk/Kara Heinonen. Trustee/Bob Mantta was a few minutes late.

The board reviewed the 2017-18 proposed budgets (Road, Sewer & Fire Dept. Pct#2) they worked on at the last meeting, and with a few minor adjustments, were satisfied with the results.

Fire Dept. Pct#1 Fire Chief Mike Pionke next presented the board with his 2017-18 proposed budget. The board compared the budget they made with Mike's and after a little fine tuning, came away with a satisfactory budget.

Next the board took on the 2017-18 General Fund budget, line by line. They used previous years' budgets for comparison and after much discussion and feedback and a list of budget amendments for the 2016-17 budget, they came away with a budget.

Lori **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 9:07PM. **2nd** by Marvin. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by:   
Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by:   
Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor