

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

JANUARY 9, 2019

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor Marv Heinonen called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marv Heinonen, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the December 3, 2018 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Marv **motioned** to approve the minutes as read. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

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

Kara presented Bills to be paid, with three additional bills being added from the Liminga Fire Fund(Reimb. Jon Stone for an Equipment & Tool purchase in the amount of \$1,203.75 and Turner Contracting for plowing in the amount of \$350)and from the General Fund(Turner Contracting for plowing in the amount of \$185 and MTA for Annual BOR Training in the amount of \$455). Marv **motioned** to pay all bills as **amended. 2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

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Freda Sewer Update: Per Sanitation Engineer Jim Morin...The winter is going good so far with no freeze ups. The sewer system has been in operation for 11 years now! Jim also mentioned that Kara should be on the lookout for a sewer camera bill that should be coming in the mail any day now.

Kenner Dome Update: The insurance claim is still being processed and may be distributed in three phases up to \$100,000 total. Hopefully we can start working on the project come spring.

*It was mentioned that there is a cable near the Toivola Cemetery that could be very dangerous for snowmobilers in that area. John Mattila and Gary Hoekstra will have a look at it to see what needs to be done about it.

*There was also a question on the DNR Grant on the Agate Beach Pavilion project. Is the project finished? Marv will check with John Paul of Traverse Engineering to see if the project was finalized.

*Also, the new Chart of Accounts will see very little change according to Township Auditor Daavettila. He will walk Lori and Kara through the changes soon, as the end of February 2019 is the deadline to implement these changes.

Liminga Fire Dept. Update: Per Fire Chief Mike Pionke...The dept. wants to apply for a MFFTC Training Grant. They must apply without board approval. A fire dept. member, Scott Pollins, has left the dept. but the dept. has also gained a new member in Matt Pennala. Mike also stated that the fire dept. remodeling project is going well.

*Next Marv **motioned** to add Kara to the tax and agency account so she can print the monthly statements for balancing the books with Lori by electronic banking. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

Redridge Dam Update: The board must address the Redridge Dam pipe clean out project as soon as possible, so Marv will email Stan Vitton to check on the bid process to see where that is at and report back at the next meeting.

Public Comment Accepted.

Toivola Cemetery Sexton and Township Hall Caretaker Bob Mantta addressed the board and officially resigned his positions with the township. John Mattila and Bryan Riutta will team up to handle the Toivola Cemetery(John running the business end and Bryan doing the grave digging). Bryan will also handle the road sign management for the township. The board would like to publicly thank Bob for all of his hard work and all that he has done for the township over the years!!

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:52PM. 2nd by John. Approved Unan.

Submitted by: _____ Approved by: _____

Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

JANUARY 16, 2019

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor Marv Heinonen called the Budget Workshop Meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 5:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marv Heinonen, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

The first budget worked on was the Sewer Fund Budget. The board crunched the numbers and after discussion came away with a budget. Next they worked on the Road Fund Budget, which came together in very little time. So on to the Liminga Fire Fund Budget, where board member and Fire Chief Mike Pionke presented his new budget to the board. With a few tweaks here and there a budget was created. Next came the Toivola Fire Fund Budget. Fire Chief Gary Hoekstra was not present, but dept. member and board member John Mattila was and with his input the board came away with a satisfactory budget. Last but not least came the General Fund Budget. Board members went over each line item of the budget and came up with a tentative budget which will be revisited with all of the others at the next budget workshop meeting.

The board adjourned at 8:30PM on a motion by Marv, 2nd by Mike and Approved Unan.

Submitted by: _____ Approved by: _____

Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

JANUARY 23, 2019

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor Marv Heinonen called the Budget Workshop Meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 5:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marv Heinonen, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

The board members went over each budget again, line by line, to ensure the accuracy of each budget. They made any additional changes that were needed. Input was offered, discussion ensued and the board came away satisfied with each budget they created for the General Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Road Fund, the Liminga Fire Fund and the Toivola Fire Fund.

Marv motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38PM. 2nd by John. Approved Unan.

Submitted by: _____ Approved by: _____

Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

FEBRUARY 13, 2019

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor Marv Heinonen called the Budget Public Hearing to order at 1:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marv Heinonen, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen. Trustee/Mike Pionke was not in attendance.

Copies of the proposed **2019-2020 Budget** were available to the public before the meeting. Supervisor /Marv Heinonen gave a brief overview of each of the budgets being presented to all attending the meeting. After public discussion, the board agreed to approve each budget as presented by a roll call vote.

John **motioned** to approve the General Fund 2019-20 Budget as presented. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved on a roll call vote: 4 AYES 0 NAYS.**

Marvin **motioned** to approve the Liminga Fire Fund Pct#1 2019-20 Budget as presented. **2nd** by John. **Approved on a roll call vote: 4 AYES 0 NAYS.**

Marv **motioned** to approve the Toivola Fire Fund Pct#2 2019-20 Budget as presented. **2nd** by Kara. **Approved on a roll call vote: 4 AYES 0 NAYS.**

Marv **motioned** to approve the Road Fund 2019-20 Budget as presented. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved on a roll call vote: 4 AYES 0 NAYS.**

Marv **motioned** to approve the Sewer Fund 2019-20 Budget as presented. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved on a roll call vote: 4 AYES 0 NAYS.**

Public Comment Accepted.

Marvin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 1:14PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ **Approved by:** _____
Kara Heinonen, Clerk Marv Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

FEBRUARY 13, 2019

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor/Marv Heinonen called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 1:25PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marv Heinonen, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the January 9, 2019 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Marv **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.** Next all present read over the January 16, 2019 Budget Workshop Special Meeting Minutes. Marv **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.** Finally, all present read over the January 23, 2019 Budget Workshop Special Meeting Minutes. Marv **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

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

Kara presented Bills to be paid with one being added from the General Fund/Liminga Fire Fund. The bill from Turner Contracting(plowing@Twp hall and Liminga Fire Hall)will be split between the General Fund and the Liminga Fire Fund. Marv **motioned** to approve all bills as **amended.** **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

Freda Sewer Update: Per Sanitation Engineer Jim Morin...Not much new to report, the sewer is running efficiently. There was a bad two weeks when communications were lost(we lost data frequency as it shifted)but it is fixed now. Something messed up the radio frequency and it took the technician three hours to fix it. However, it is monitoring well again!

Kenner Dome Update: An insurance check for \$100,000 should be coming in the mail soon, so Lori will watch out for it. Marv said there is a document that Lori must notarize first and send in, and then the check will come. The full sum of the check MUST be spent on the Kenner Dome to fix the damage it sustained as a result of the 2018 Father's Day Flood.

Houghton County Road Commission Update: Marv talked to Kevin who said they are still waiting to see what happens with FEMA monies.

Next Lori **motioned** to add Kara to the Tax & Agency Account and the online banking accounts so she can print statements every month and monitor our accounts. **2nd** by Marv. **Approved Unan.**

*Marv mentioned that he will talk with John Paul Pietila of Traverse Engineering about the Agate Beach Grant finalization. He also mentioned that Mike is advocating for a special meeting for the fire dept. to present its case on acquiring a fire training facility building on township property. Marvin will wait until Mike gets back to town and talk to him about it. As of this moment, there is no special meeting scheduled. Marv also brought up a flood insurance ordinance, do we want one? The board decided we need more info on that also. Marv will look into it and report back at the next meeting.

*Kara printed a few Marihuana "opt out" sample ordinances from other cities for the board to look at and to decide if we want to go that route. The board tabled the decision until the next meeting.

Public Comment Accepted.

Mary informed the board of the March BOR Meeting Dates and they are as follows:

Tuesday, March 5th@4:30PM is the Organizational Meeting.

Monday, March 11th from 1 – 4PM and 6 – 9PM

Wednesday, March 13th from 1 – 4PM and 6 – 9PM

No PRE's, just values. Kara will post the BOR Meeting Schedule on the township website.

Ken Vrana gave the Board a Redridge Dam Update. He said the main goal is stabilization of the Dam. The contractor cost will be between \$40,000 - \$50,000. We have had a good response to the Dam from FEMA with pressure from Jack Bergman's office & Washington D.C. on this emergency project. We are waiting to see how much money FEMA comes through with. The stabilization of the Dam must be done ASAP!!

Marv **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 2:25PM. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ Approved by: _____

Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

FEBRUARY 19, 2019

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor/Marv Heinonen called the Special Meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 5:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marv Heinonen, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

Supervisor/Marv Heinonen served as the moderator for the meeting. Fire Chief Mike Pionke presented a fire training facility building to the board and the community. He presented all present with materials and an overview supporting his idea and went into detail about what it would all entail. After he was finished with his presentation, the time came for **Public Comment Accepted** between the department members, community members and township board members. The pros and cons about the facility were discussed, along with input and concerns from neighboring homes and nothing was set in stone and the meeting ended with an agreement that more time was needed before a decision could be made regarding this facility.

John **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:45PM. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ **Approved by:** _____

Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

MARCH 13, 2019

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor Marv Heinonen called the Monthly Meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marv Heinonen, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present reviewed the Meeting Minutes from the February 13, 2019 Budget Hearing, the February 13, 2019 Monthly Meeting and the February 19, 2019 Special Meeting. Marv **motioned** to approve the March Monthly Meeting Minutes as read. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Next Lori read the Financial Statements. Marv **motioned** to accept the Financial Statements as read. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

Kara presented Bills to be paid. Marv **motioned** to pay all Bills as approved. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

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Freda Sewer Update: Per Sanitation Engineer & Operator, Jim Morin...The system is running good. We will see how the spring goes and proceed accordingly.

Agate Beach Grant Update: Marvin will check with John Paul Pietila of Traverse Engineering to see if it has been finalized.

Kenner Dome Update: The check for the damage from the 2019 Father's Day Flood came in from the insurance company and has been deposited into the Kenner Dome Fund. The question now about the Kenner Dome ice rink is if the original grant has expired yet. If so, can we mandate that it can only be used by Stanton Township residents? Marvin will check with Christy Bayus from the State of Michigan to see if it has expired and if we can close it to non-Stanton Township residents.

Marihuana Ordinance Opt Out Update: Mike will research this topic and bring his findings to the next meeting.

Poverty Exemption Resolution 2019 Update: The board unanimously passed the 2019 Poverty Exemption Resolution on a **Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS**

Fire Dept. Pct#1 Update: Per Fire Chief Mike Pionke...There will be a Fire School Exam on Saturday, March 23, 2019@9:00AM. The Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019@7:00AM. A Medical First Responders School/Training will be held on May 17, 2019. Next Mike **motioned** to **amend** the current Pct#1 Fire Fund Budget. **2nd** by Marv. **Approved Unan.** Mike's list of amendments is as follows:

*Move \$701 from 1341lb(SNB Loan)to 1342h(Phone). 1341lb becomes \$20,085 and 1342h becomes \$2,401.

*Reduce 1341e(Equipment) by \$15,000 to \$57,000.

*Increase 1342t(Training)by \$10,000 to \$25,000.

*Increase 1342fr(First Responders)by \$5,000 to \$10,000.

*Change 501(Federal Grants)from \$0 to \$10,552.

*Change 1341g(Federal Grants)from \$0 to \$10,552.

Kara will enter all budget amendments. Next Mike told the board that the dept. received a \$25,000 Fire Fighting Grant from the State of Michigan to be used to build the proposed fire training building. So Mike **motioned** for the Stanton Township Board to authorize the Stanton Township Volunteer Fire Department Pct#1, to erect a fire training structure on township land adjacent to the township hall fronting Canal Rd. The Board will have final approval of the actual building site and road access locations. **2nd** by John. The board took a **Roll Call Vote:**

2 AYES 3 NAYS Motion is denied.

*Lori questioned if we need a resolution to collect bounced check fees first on old tax bills before applying a person's payment to their new tax bill. She will find out and let us know by the next meeting.

Assessing Update: Per Mary Durocher...they have some catching up to do and will get it done.

Redridge Dam Update: Nothing new to report. Marv will email Ken for an update.

Toivola Fire Dept. Pct#2: Nothing new to report.

Public Comment Accepted.

Marvin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ Approved by: _____

Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

MARCH 19, 2019

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor Marv Heinonen called the Special Meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 5:30PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marv Heinonen, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

Supervisor/Marv Heinonen served as moderator for the meeting. Trustee and Fire Chief Mike Pionke presented new material to the board regarding the proposed training facility and also addressed concerns from the last special meeting. He met all of the required criteria to go forward with the structure on township property. Lori motioned to approve the proposed fire training facility on township property as presented. 2nd by Marv. Approved Unan. on a Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS

Public Comment Accepted.

Marvin made it known that it is not acceptable for anyone on the fire dept. who doesn't agree with board decisions to threaten to quit over said decisions.

John motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:39PM. 2nd by Lori. Approved Unan.

Submitted by: _____ Approved by: _____

Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

APRIL 10, 2019

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor /Marvin Heinonen called the Monthly Meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marvin Heinonen, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present looked over the meeting minutes from the March 13, 2019 Monthly Meeting and the March 19, 2019 Special Meeting. Marvin **motioned** to approve both sets of meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

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

Kara presented Bills to be paid. The board agreed to John Mattila's request that Lori hold the check for Elcomm from the Toivola Fire Dept. until further notice. Lori **motioned** to approve all bills. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Freda Sewer Update: Per Sanitation Engineer Jim Morin...The sewer was doing really well until all the rain came, but it is recovering now.

Kenner Dome Update: Per Marvin...Marvin will meet with Dapper, Marty and Paul to see what is a priority to be repaired at the Kenner Dome with the insurance money received. We are still unsure if anything can be done about restricting Kenner Dome usage to residents only.

Agate Beach Passport Grant Update: Per Marvin...We must close on this grant. Marvin will talk to John Paul of Traverse Engineering to see what is needed to close on this. Volunteer hours still need to be submitted. John is going over the files/bills to see what is needed to close. There should still be some grant money left to spend.

Township Insurance Update: Insurance agent Mark Hannula gave the board a rundown on the billing for the townships insurance this year. He also gave property quotes on four buildings that could use more coverage and what it would cost the township to upgrade. This coverage would also add endorsements. We have time to decide and will discuss it further.

Budget Amendments: Per Marvin...Marvin **motioned** to amend the 2018-2019 budget with a list of 19 budget amendments(see attached). **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

*Marvin addressed the need for two township residents to join the Houghton County Jail Task Force. He needs one township resident and one township resident alternate to serve on this jail task force. Marvin will try to recruit two people to do this job.

*Marvin also asked if the township wants to be a member of WUPPDR, but first he will call to get more information on what a membership entails.

Redridge Dam Update: Per Ken Vrana...Road to Dam money and Debris removal money can be combined for one contractor. Concerning the debris...two levels of government are discussing how to best proceed with removal. Stan has been promised that the decision will be made by the end of April to declare a resolution to obligate the monies so he will wait to hear from them. Four teams of grad students at Michigan Tech are working on the structural stabilization of both dams and it is mainly an academic exercise. This is a summary of where everything is at right now. A response should come within a week, and when it does, Ken will send us an email. A draft of bid specs should be ready by the next monthly meeting at the Toivola Rec Center.

Fire Dept. Pct#1 Update: Per Fire Chief Mike Pionke...Fire School is over and a check for around \$16,000 should be coming from the State of Michigan for the fire school and should be deposited into account 601. Just a reminder that their Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Fire Hall on Saturday, May 11, 2019 starting at 7:00AM.

*Mike also mentioned that we should check with our township forester to see if we can add the 8 acres on Canal Rd. to our forest management plan and maybe they will log it for us. He also mentioned that the Canal Rd. and Liminga Rd. repairs from the flood will be fixed asap per Kevin Harju of the Houghton County Road Commission. Mike also gave an update on the marijuana opt out. The township attorney will be consulted on opting out and will be asked which sample ordinance would be best to use.

*John mentioned that he and his son will be replacing the back door on the Toivola Rec Center as his son wants to do it for a community service project for school.

Public Comment Accepted.

Marvin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:24PM. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

N. Canal Park Update: The park caretakers will start immediately.

*It was mentioned that a resident of the Canal Rd. requested a speed limit change near Markham's Marina again. The last time it was requested, the County said no. Marv will ask the County again and report back as to what they had to say.

Fire Dept. Pct#1 Update: Per board member & Fire Chief Mike Pionke...He talked to Kevin Harju at the Houghton County Road Commission and he said that as soon as road restrictions are off, they will come and fix the Canal Rd. and Liminga Rd. from last years' flood damage. Mike also told the board that the dept. did receive the grant award. Mike and Marv will sign the award letter and send it back. Mike also reminded the board that there is a MTA Meeting for all board members concerning Assessing in the township and the new requirements for AMAR. It will be held at the Franklin Square Inn in Houghton on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 4 – 9PM and is \$91/person(early bird rate)if registered by 5/28/19. On another subject, Mike wants to add a category in the Liminga Fire Dept. Budget for Fire School expenses. Kara will add category 1342fs(a subaccount of 1342)for fire school expenses. Mike also wants to do two budget amendments and they are as follows: 1342t...change amount to \$5,000 and 1342fs, when added, set amount at \$15,000. Lastly, Mike reminded everybody that the Annual Pancake breakfast is this Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 7 until noon!

*Lori asked the board their thoughts on green burials as the Toivola Cemetery caretakers have been approached about these kinds of burials. Lori will have Lenny check into it. Right now in Toivola, John Mattila and his son will be doing burials temporarily, and Liminga Cemetery Sexton Bryan Riutta will cover for them when needed. John wanted to know if we have any policies concerning where people can bury cremains in the cemetery. He will check with Bryan and get back to us next month.

Fire Dept. Pct#2 Update: Per Fire Chief Gary Hoekstra...Gary is giving the township a check for \$7,000 to put in the Toivola Fire Fund at the bank. Kara will then cut a check from the Toivola Fire Dept. to pay off the truck loan at Superior Nat'l Bank & Trust. She will cut the check on Monday. John Mattila said another bill will be coming from El Com. Gary will be submitting plowing hours at this meeting for Kara to pay as soon as possible. Also, Gary informed all present that the annual roadside cleanup in Toivola will be taking place on Saturday, May 18, 2019!

Lori will give Lenny the Campground License to be posted at the Agate Beach Park, along with the water supply testing directions.

Public Comment Accepted.

Marvin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:48PM. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.**

Then on a **motion** by Lori and a **2nd** by Mike, the board reopened the meeting@6:50PM to receive a DNR Flood Damage Update presentation by the DNR.

The board on a **motion** by Marv and a **2nd** by Kara, adjourned again at 7:15PM. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ Kara Heinonen, Clerk

Approved by: _____ Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor

STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

JUNE 12, 2019

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Marv Heinonen called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00PM at the Stanton Township Hall. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Treasurer/Lori Anderson, Supervisor/Marv Heinonen, Trustee/John Mattila and Clerk/Kara Heinonen.

All present read over the Monthly Meeting Minutes from the May 8, 2019 Board Meeting at the Toivola Rec Center. Marv **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes as read. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

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

Kara presented Bills to be paid. Lori **motioned** to pay all bills. **2nd** by Marv. **Approved Unan.** Next Lori **motioned** to give the current clerk permission to access any information on any bill or loan Stanton Township is associated with, including but not limited to Stanton Township Fire Dept. Pct#1 & Pct#2 and Freda Sewer. **2nd** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

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Freda Sewer Update: Per Sanitation Engineer Jim Morin...the sewer system is running really well. We really appreciate all that Jim does and we still need to find a backup person for Jim!

Kenner Dome Update: Nothing new to report.

Jail Task Force Update: Stanton Township representative Glen Ekdahl reported that at the meeting he just attended the task force is waiting for estimates from UP Engineering for 4 options on the Houghton County Jail. Word needs to get out to the taxpayers that their input is needed! He reminded all present that Monday, July 8, 2019 is the next meeting of the task force.

Marijuana Ordinance Update: Marv gave all of the board members a sample ordinance to look over and the board will vote on it at the July board meeting. The sample ordinance is an opt-out ordinance.

Next Marv told the board that UPPCO is in the early stages of replacing all current township power meters with smart meters as they are the way of the future. The meters will be read every month, no more estimates! They are hoping to have most of them in by Dec. 1, 2019. Residents can opt-out, but a form must be filled out to do this. This is all per Dan Crane, UPPCO representative, and more information will be forthcoming.

N. Canal Park Update: Marv has had a few inquiries about camping at N. Canal Park and was wondering what it would take to make that happen. Thoughts were that it needs a well, each site would need a number, it would need at least 6 rustic sites and it would need a campground caretaker. Marv will check with the Health Dept. on their requirements and will revisit this at a future meeting. Marvin also told the board that there have been inquiries about obtaining the old wood dock that is sitting on the property and is no longer in use. Mike **motioned** for the township board to put the old wood dock out on bids. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.** Kara will put the bid announcement for the wood dock on the township website and will say that anyone interested in viewing it can see it at N. Canal Park. Anyone interested on bidding on it can send their bid in to the Township Board at 50960 Canal Rd. Houghton, MI 49931. The bid deadline is by 6:00PM at the township board meeting on July 10, 2019. The person who gets the bid is responsible for removing the dock without damaging township property. If the property is damaged during removal, the new dock owner is responsible for restoring the property back to its former state.

*On another note, Marv told the board that a township resident put up a "No Trespassing" sign on township property and he will let them know they must remove the sign.

*The board has received letters from residents in the township that live on Sunset Place, requesting that the County plow the road in the winter. Kevin Harju of the County responded to this inquiring by saying that it is not a county road and therefore they cannot plow it. The township does not plow public or private roads. It was noted that the homeowners maintain it, but the public has the right per the DNR to use the upper part of the road for hunting, fishing, etc. What are the home owners options to make this a county road? There are stipulations on how to make it acceptable for the county to plow. Marv will talk to Kevin and he will let the residents of this road know what Kevin says. He will report back to resident Jean Hoskin in particular. John will try to ask the forester where he works (State of MI) about it also.

*Mike announced that the Annual Fire Fighter's tournament will be held on June 22, 2019 in Dollar Bay, MI.

*John will be turning in Cemetery bills and has been cleaning up the Toivola Cemetery. He will put up a "No Dumping Garbage" sign in the cemetery.

*Kara mentioned that she, Lori and Mike attended the MTA Assessing Forum at the Franklin Square Inn on June 11, 2019.

Redridge Dam Update: Per Ken Vrana...Stan is still focusing on the 3rd project. The 1st project: Road is funded and obligated

The 2nd project: \$46,800 is approved, funded and obligated

FEMA is saying that they will only cover damage from the flood itself. If they don't deliver what they promise, the National Park Service will be solicited for funds.

The township must hire an engineering company to put together specs for bids and we also need to establish township boundaries at the dam.

Ken needs permission to prepare the permit for this project on the townships behalf. Marvin **motioned** to have Ken Vrana try to get a permit on behalf of the township for the Redridge Dam Project. **2nd** by John. **Approved Unan.** Ken and Stan will investigate engineering firms to write up the specs for this project. Sadly, Ken told us that longtime dam advocate, Bob Tracy, passed away this week.

Public Comment Accepted.

Township resident Barb Koski told the board that she is working on a few projects concerning veterans (she is the spouse of a veteran). She is involved with the Veteran Center which is located at the Copper Country Mall, The center lets vets know what is available for them in the community. She is also looking in all cemeteries for veteran flag donors. Thank you Barb!

Marv **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:25PM. **2nd** by Lori. **Approved Unan.**

Submitted by: _____ **Kara Heinonen, Clerk**

Approved by: _____ **Marvin Heinonen, Supervisor**